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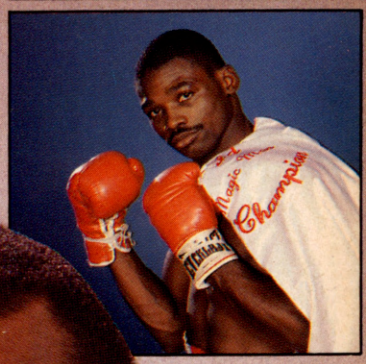

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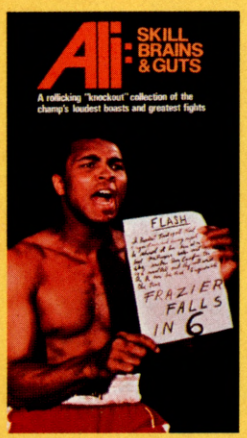

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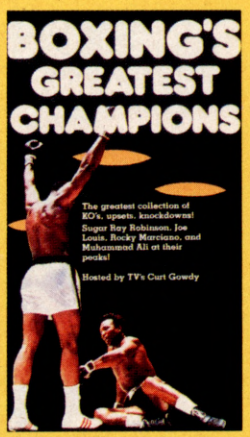

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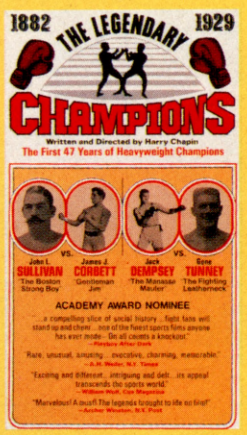

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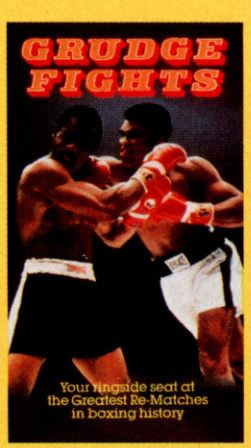

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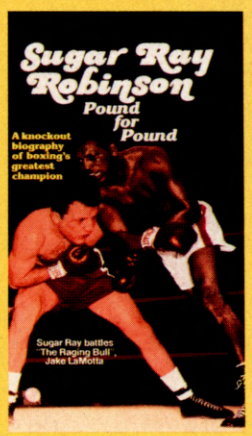

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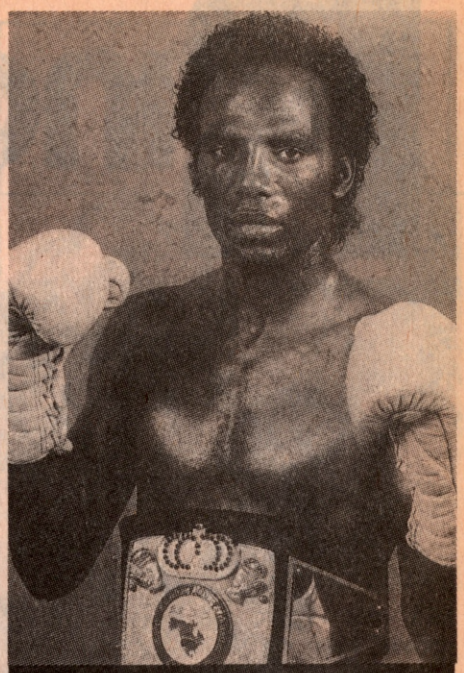

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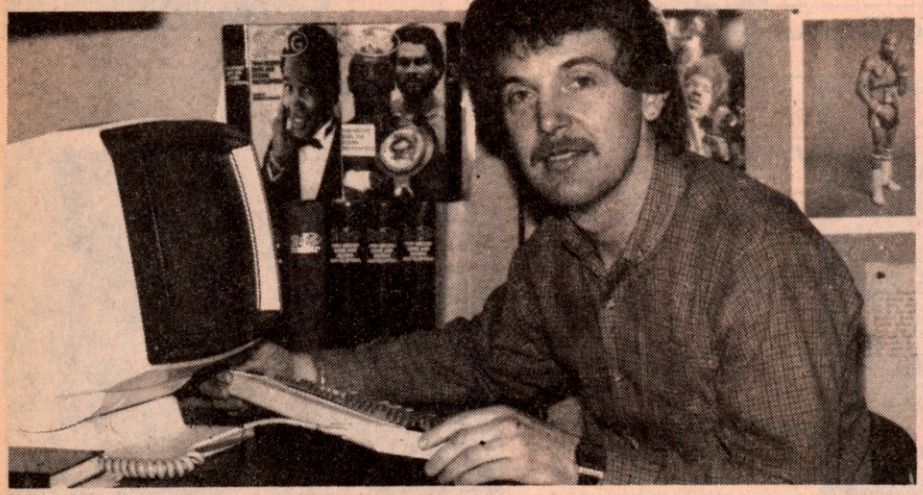

IN SEARCH OF A LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION

The sands of the lightweight division continue to shift. Hector Camacho has deserted the 135-pound class in search of only Hector knows what. Camacho's WBC belt is back around the waist of the man he won it from, Jose Luis Ramirez. Edwin Rosario, the honcho many feel chased the "Macho Man" out of the division, is currently holding down the fort over in WBA land. Meanwhile, the IBF crown bounces from head to head quicker than a military barber.

Boxing hasn't had an undisputed lightweight champion since Roberto Duran abdicated the throne to box as a welterweight. Alexis Arguello earned general recognition in 1982, but when he also abandoned the title to go after Aaron Pryor's junior welterweight title, all semblance of order broke down. *The Ring* has held the title vacant since that time.

With Camacho supposedly out of the lightweight picture for good, many would say Rosario is now top gun. However, I'm sure Ramirez supporters would be quick to point out that the Mexican won the second of his two bouts with Rosario inside the distance, while Rosario's victory over him was of a close, points variety.

While nobody knows what the future holds, a rubber match between Rosario and Ramirez is not in the immediate plans of either. Ramirez has nothing definite scheduled at press time, while Rosario is prepping for an intriguing showdown with Julio Cesar Chavez.

The entrance of Chavez into the lightweight title picture is both welcome and overdue. Undefeated as a pro with nine successful defenses of his WBC super featherweight title on his resume, Chavez is one of today's finest practitioners of the Noble Art. His upcoming bout with Rosario, also a superb fighting machine, has all the earmarks of a potential classic.

With Camacho's departure from *The Ring's* lightweight rankings, Rosario and Chavez currently hold down the number one and two spots, respectively. Therefore, we are tempted to recognize the winner as world lightweight champion. Nevertheless, after careful consideration, we have decided to withhold recognition a bit longer.

As uncomfortable as *The Ring* is with four championship vacancies among the eight traditional divisions, the case for the Rosario-Chavez winner is simply not clear cut enough to earn championship status from *The Ring*. Neither is there ample precedent in the publication's 65-year history to justify such action. While we welcome the responsibility of upholding boxing tradition, the last thing *The Ring* wants is to place itself in an imperious position.

Instead, we will continue to monitor the situation. As the line of succession for future generations of 135-pound champions is at stake, *The Ring* intends to make sure we are on the firmest ground possible before making such a far-reaching decision.

Nigel Collins

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Come Out Writing

Swedish reader Olof Johansson thinks Ingemar Johansson should have scored higher in THE RING's All-Time Rating of the Heavyweight Champions (August '87). This is how Ingo looked after his third match with Floyd Patterson. You be the judge.

DOWN ON DUVA

When is somebody going to slap Lou Duva's fat little face for him and tell him to get back in line? It seems to this fight fan that Lou thinks he can get away with murder because he manages the Olympic champions. His actions in every fight I've seen him in are borderline crazy. Before (Greg) Haugen's fight with (Vinny) Pazienza, he was insufferable. The same thing applies to his behavior at the Hollyfield-Tillman fight. Come on Lou, this is the sweet science, not Wrestlemania. I sometimes wish I could reach into the TV screen and spank his behind. Somebody should protest Duva's behavior. He cheapens a great sport.

JEFF BURNS
Longmont, CO

Editor's Note: As much as I agree Lou sometimes goes overboard with his antics, I wouldn't advise slapping him in the face unless you have excellent reflexes. Lou can still throw a mean left hook.

IN DEFENSE OF INGO

I protest your latest review of the capabilites of the world heavyweight champions (August '87). As a Swede, I noted my countryman Ingemar Johansson is rated next to last among the whole bunch. He is rated lower than mediocre fighters such as Jess Willard, Marvin Hart, Leon Spinks, Tommy Burns and James J. Braddock. I'm not buying this!

There are two things wrong with your estimate of Johansson's abilities—the system you used and the result itself. Johansson may not have been one of the greatest champions, but he certainly doesn't deserve the disgraceful position you gave him. Here is a more realistic grading of Ingo, using your somewhat lacking system:

Defense: 5
Determination: 5
Durability: 4
Handspeed: 8
Footwork: 7
Punching Power: 9 (really a 10, but as he was basically a one-handed fighter, I'll settle for a 9)
Cut Resistance: 6
Natural Ability: 7
Quality of Opposition: 4
Historical Impact: 6

A total of 61 puts Johansson on the list somewhere between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. That is more fair.

OLOF JOHANSSON
Goteborg, Sweden

PS:
I am not related to Ingemar.

SOME READERS ARE HAPPY

I have been a boxing fan since the 1926 Tunney-Dempsey fight. I am very much in favor of the eight traditional weight classes. The all-time rating of the heavyweight champions in the August issue of *The Ring* is great. The only thing I would change is the punching power of Max Baer from 8 to 10.

I would like to see the same listing in the other seven weight classes.

JOHN CANTERBURY
Collinsville, IL

Editor's Note: Your wish is our command, Mr. Canterbury. See *The Ring's* rating of the light heavyweight champions in this issue.

OTHERS ARE NOT

Rating the fighters in eight weight classifications when 13 exist only confuses your readers when they want to check out a fighter. Why not rate fighters as we see them on TV?

EDWIN B. KOOPERMAN
Highland Park, IL

After much dithering about, *The Ring* finally made a bold move and reduced the ratings to the original eight. Bravo! Obviously, most boxing fans approve. But wait! What is this? In your September '87 issue is an article on WBC super lightweight champion Tsuyoshi Hamada and your choice for boxer of the month is WBC super bantamweight champion Jeff Fenech. Come on fellas, either stick by your own ratings or give over to the Alphabet Boys. You've got to drop ALL mention of those phony titles.

R. WEAR
Gainesville, FL

Editor's Note: You make an interesting point, Mr. Wear. However, *The Ring* feels our readers want to know about boxers such as Hamada and Fenech and read about their careers. We use their alphabet appelations for identification purposes only, much the same way we would identify regional championships such as the NABF, USBA or EBU.

Round One

by Phill Marder

AND TO ALL A GOOD FIGHT

As you read this, the holiday season is fast approaching. So fast, in fact, that a certain rotund character with white hair and a white beard dropped into *The Ring* offices recently.

Hey, Christmas may be just around the corner, but even members of *The Ring* staff, accustomed to expecting the unexpected after years of wallowing around fight halls, gyms and press conferences, were somewhat taken aback.

The immediate reaction was that the intruder was really **Lou Duva,** reduced to camouflage since the sudden and embarrassing demise of **Mark Breland.** After all, the guy's size was right. Even his age appeared about the same. But one quick tug on that long white beard proved it was not Duva. The beard refused to budge. Fatso's left didn't, though, as a mean hook immediately decked the skeptical staff member.

A quick huddle of the remaining vertical scribes quickly produced another theory. Short, old fat guy with a mean left hook—aha, **Tony Galento.**

We offered him a beer. He turned it down. Not Tony Galento.

"I can't be Tony Galento," the stranger said. "He died eight years ago in Newark."

With luck, we'll be saying the same about the IBF some day, but that's another story. Frustrated, we finally decided we were stumped. There was just one way to find out who this mysterious, costumed stranger was. We had to ask, which we did.

"Ho! Ho! Ho!" came the reply.

Ho, ho, ho? A new Korean heavyweight!

"No, ho, ho," he responded. "Remember what time of year it is, then take a closer look. Fat, old, white hair, white beard, big burlap sack."

Of course. The WBA bag man!

"Reindeer and sled parked outside," he hinted.

"Yeah, I saw those reindeer with the sled when I came in," said one late arrival. "You must not come to New York City often. They were being towed."

"Oh dear," he said. "Make that, oh reindeer. I guess I can't stay much longer. But before I go, I must leave this bag of goodies for you and some of your friends."

And with that, he made his way up the air-conditioning vent—we don't have a fireplace.

"Wow, what a strange dude. You don't suppose that was—nah, nobody our age believes in Santa Claus."

Still, there was the matter of the bag. We opened it. Several packages tumbled out, the first addressed to **Mike Tyson.** There was a note with the gift.

"For Christmas, your gift is an opponent who has the size, style, punch, guts and experience to give you the opportunity to prove your greatness. May he also be charismatic enough to draw mammoth interest worldwide so that your purse will be befitting your talent."

We couldn't contain our curiosity. We opened the package. Out tumbled a **Michael Spinks** doll!

There was another gift, this one addressed to Tyson's manager, **Jim Jacobs.**

The note read, "Merry Christmas. No one knows these exist. I've been saving them for someone I knew would take great care of them."

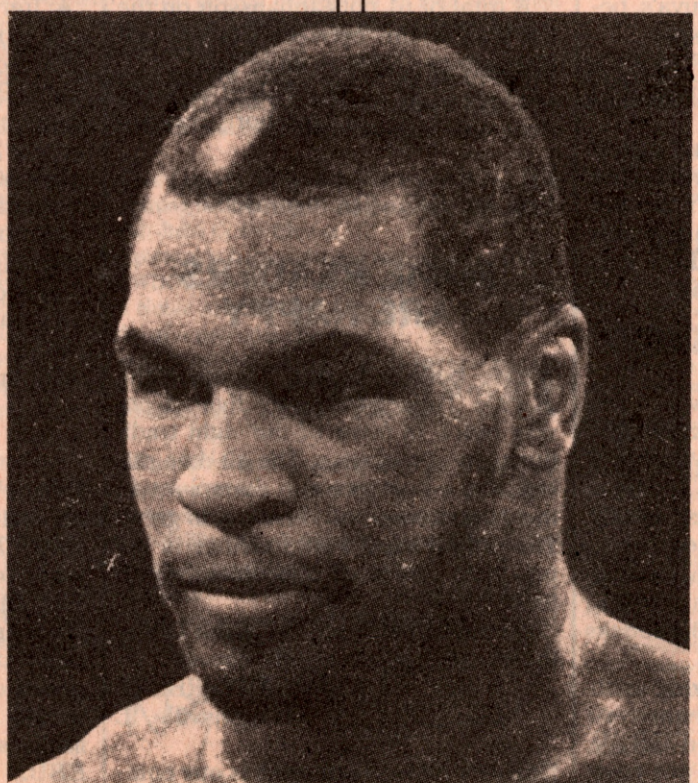
The package contained a video marked, "A complete collection of films of **Hen Pearce** fights."

Hen Pearce fights? This guy must have been someone special. They didn't even have motion pictures in those days!

Here's a package marked for **Tony Tubbs** and **James Broad.** We shook it. It rattled. Diet pills. And another for **Jeff Fenech, Happy Lora, Jung-Koo Chang** and **Sot Chitalada.** We shook it. It crinkled. Contracts for a nationally televised fight. Another box was snoring. The card read, "Merry Christmas, **Lloyd Honeyghan.**" We opened it. **Hector Camacho!** There were just two remaining. One was addressed to **Harold Brazier.** We shook it. It didn't make any noise. We opened it. Enclosed we found a coupon good for one day off.

Finally, there was a package marked *The Ring.* We opened it. Inside, we found the best present possible ... the future of boxing. It contained just eight weight divisions with 10 contenders and one champion in each division.

And as we all rejoiced, we heard the stranger's booming farewell from above the roof ... "Merry Christmas to



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Guess what Santa is bringing Mike Tyson for Christmas?

Round One

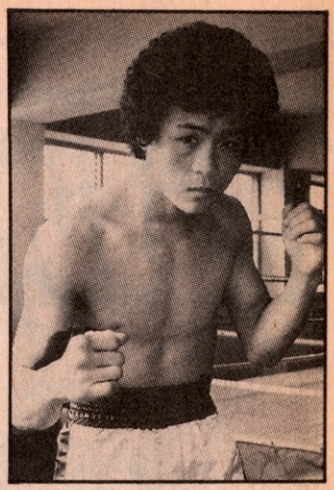
all. And to all a good fight."

We'll drink to that. And to our readers, too. May the holiday season find you in good health and good spirits. And may the new year bring you the best in everything, particularly boxing.

ROSIN DUST

One who will not be spending this holiday season with us is veteran sportswriter **Dick Young,** who passed away in August. Young, a syndicated columnist, was known throughout the world for his biting columns and his feisty demeanor. Young wrote on all sports, but seemed to have a particular love for boxing. Dick Young will be missed by those involved in the media, by those involved in boxing and by those millions of readers ... The latest **WAA** ratings list 12 weight divisions and 12 championship vacancies! Guess all the available fighters are already champions ... The monthly **Michael Dokes** watch brings good news as the former heavyweight contender has sworn off cocaine ... Rumbles in the Duva household? **Evander Holyfield** is reportedly disgruntled with the lack of attention he receives from his management. Holyfield was quoted saying, "I want to be famous. I want to be a big star." We thought he already was a famous big star.

Evander Holyfield, reportedly dissatisfied with the amount of publicity he receives, recently got into the fashion model business when he signed to promote a line of sportswear.



Wouldn't it be nice to see Korean star Jung-Koo Chang on American television in 1988? The WBC light flyweight boss is a big favorite in his homeland, regularly drawing crowds of 25,000 fans to his bouts.

PUNCH LINES

True love? **Mike Tyson** was asked if he and his girl friend, Robin Givens, were in love. Tyson shrugged. But the young heavyweight is fast becoming accustomed to the impact he makes in print. Realizing Givens' mother would probably read about his reaction, Tyson told scribes to write, "I love her."

Prior to his disaster with **Michael Spinks, Gerry Cooney** was onstage at Trump's Castle singing "Happy Together" with the legendary **Turtles.** After the fight, one disgruntled Cooney fan remarked, "He should have joined the Turtles and stayed in his shell."

Boxing publicist **Irving Rudd: "Hector Camacho's** great dream is to someday die in his own arms." □

THE RING RATES LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

SEVERAL MONTHS BACK—IN THE AUGUST, 1987 ISSUE TO BE PRECISE—*THE RING* STAFF SET ABOUT RATING THE HEAVYweight champions from best (Muhammad Ali was the winner) to worst (Primo Carnera was the loser).

As expected, the article drew quite a response. But, we've decided to go ahead with a similar updating of the light heavyweights, anyway.

All kidding aside, the heavyweight piece proved to be quite popular, even with those who didn't agree with Ali's selection as "The Greatest." Indeed, most readers concluded their written reactions with, "Now, how about the rest of the weight classes?"

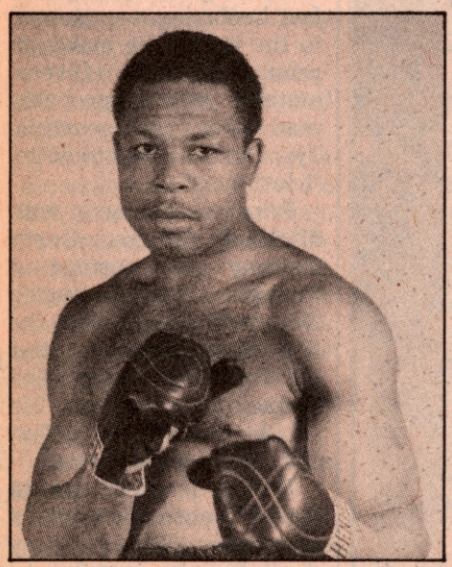
Never known to back away from a challenge, *The Ring* staff immediately set about dissecting the light heavyweights, an interesting division to be sure and the only division of the original eight to have originated in the United States, the first seven having been defined in England. Scores of reference books were consulted, hours of old fight films were watched, and more than one debate erupted over a tall, cool one.

The ground rules remain the same. Only legitimate world light heavyweight champions are rated. Outstanding 175-pounders such as Gene Tunney and Ezzard Charles were not considered since neither won the world light heavyweight championship. Others, such as Victor Galindez, who held only the WBA championship, and Marvin Johnson, who held the WBC title once and the WBA title twice but never put them together for a true world championship, are also, unfortunately, omitted.

Surprisingly, the much-maligned division no one seems to care about still boasts some top-notch talent, even with the above-mentioned missing. In fact, many of the famed light heavies of the past were standouts in the middleweight and heavyweight divisions as well. As much as possible, *The Ring* tried to limit its ratings to light heavyweight competition only. Thus, Dick Tiger, a terrific middleweight champ, and Bob Fitzsimmons, who won light heavy honors after losing his heavyweight championship, may score somewhat lower at this weight than at the weight where they achieved their greatest success.

It should be pointed out that it takes a measure of greatness to win a true world championship. Thus, even the fighters holding up the rear—Carnera in the heavyweights, for example,—were still better than most who have passed before us.

But who was the best at 175 pounds? Read on. But prepare yourself to sizzle, squirm, rant and rave. We did.



Archie Moore

1. ARCHIE MOORE (1952-1962): "The Old Mongoose," born Archibald Lee Wright, emerges as *The Ring's* greatest light heavyweight champion, gaining perfect scores in five of 10 categories.

The most obvious is punching power. Moore knocked out so many opponents, no one is absolutely sure how many knockouts he produced in his amazing career. Whether it's the 145 listed in a 234-bout career that may have included some amateur contests, or whether it's the 129 KOs he is credited with in an updated and revised 215-bout career, Moore holds the all-time record for knockouts. Thus, he ranks highly in not only punching power, but historical importance as well.

But Moore was far from being just a crazed slugger. On the contrary, the ancient one was a crafty boxer, who used his limited height (5-11) to his advantage, crawling into a crab-like shell that made penetration by opponents extremely difficult.

Amazingly, Moore did not even win the light heavyweight championship until he was 39 years old. He may have been even older. Of course, those were the "good ole' days" of 30 years ago when fighters had to fight their way to a title shot. Perhaps even more impressive is that Archie never lost the crown, defending it nine times in 10 years until finally, at the age of 49, he was stripped of recognition for failure to defend.

CHAMPIONS

Michael Spinks

It wasn't that Archie had finally grown too old. He just grew too much. A master at putting on and shedding weight, Moore, who failed in two cracks at the heavyweight title, just found the dieting a little too much at his advanced age. So he simply continued to campaign as a heavyweight, fighting the likes of Pete Rademacher, Alejandro Lavorante, Howard King, Willie Pastrano and Cassius Clay when he was pushing 50!

According to his revised record, Moore fought 215 times, winning 183, 129 by KO. He lost 22 times, with nine draws and one no contest. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Johnson (W10); Johnson (W10); Johnson (L10); Johnson (W10); Maxim (W15); Maxim (W15); Johnson (KO14); Pastrano (D10). Elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1966.

2. MICHAEL SPINKS (1983-1985): While Moore has a pretty comfortable lead for the top spot, the scoring was sticky when it came down to the runner-up position.

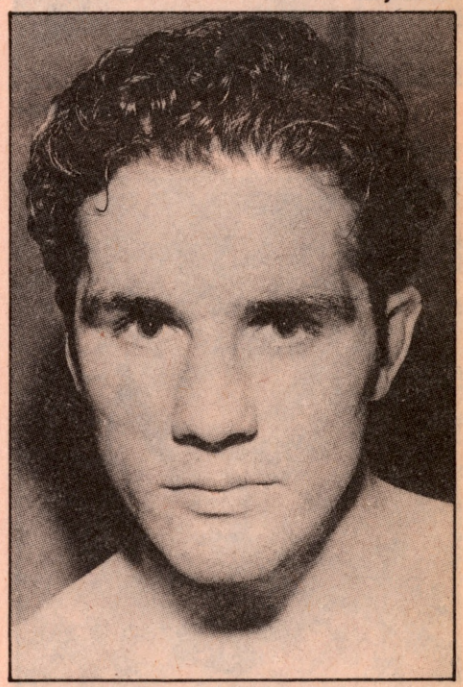
When the votes were tallied, even we were surprised to find the current world heavyweight champion sitting shotgun to Moore. But, all things considered, which they are, hopefully, the choice makes sense.

Spinks received two perfect scores, for punching power and historical importance. Spinks knocked out 19 of his 27 light heavyweight opponents and has shown continued evidence of power since moving to heavyweight. As the only light heavyweight champion to move up and win the heavyweight crown, Spinks' place in boxing history is guaranteed.

Spinks won the WBA version of the light heavy crown in 1981 when he decisioned Eddie Mustafa Muhammad. Less than two years later, he corraled the world championship with a points win over Dwight Muhammad Qawi. He defended his world crown four times before taking the heavyweight championship from Larry Holmes.

Currently looking for a big-money match with Mike Tyson, Spinks is 31-0 with 21 knockouts. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Qawi (W15).

Billy Conn

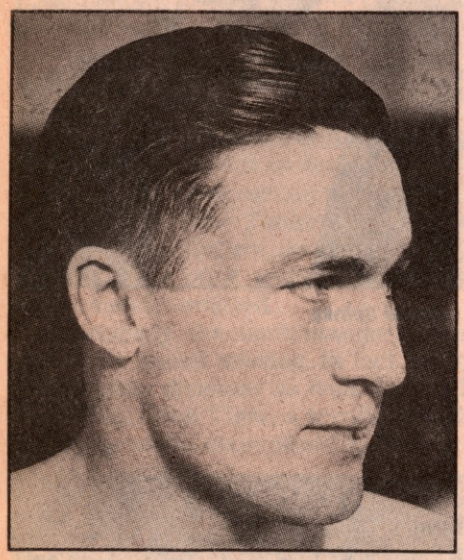


3. BILLY CONN (1939-1941): Ironically, "The Pittsburgh Kid" is remembered more for one fight he lost than for the many he won. Still, he ranks right behind Spinks in the light heavyweight brigade.

The fight in question is, of course, Conn's memorable first battle with heavyweight champion Joe Louis. Legend has it that Conn had "The Brown Bomber" beaten and merely had to survive the last three rounds to win a decision and Louis' championship. Instead, Conn tried for a knockout and was tagged, getting KO'd himself with just two seconds left in the 13th round. Actually, Louis could have won a decision. Heading into the fatal round, Conn led 7-5 and 7-4-1 on two cards, with the third judge having it 6-6. Still, Conn proved his greatness in defeat.

Conn's loss helped him gain a 10 in historical importance, but his considerable skills earned him perfect scores in footwork and natural ability. If Conn had a shortcoming, it was punching power. He scored just 14 KOs in 75 bouts.

Bob Foster



Tommy Loughran

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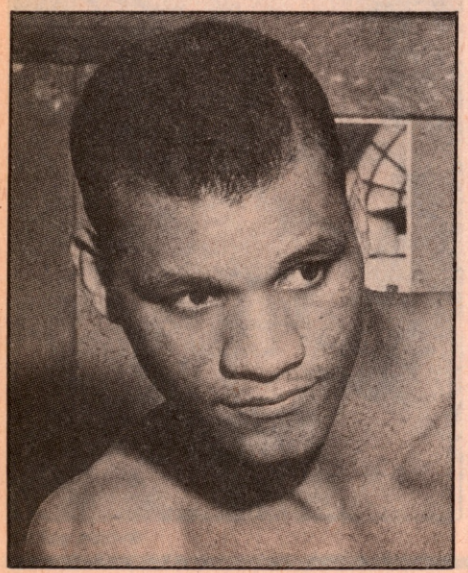


Conn won the vacant light heavyweight title with a 15-round decision over Melio Bettina in 1939 and never lost it, giving it up to challenge Louis in 1941.

Overall, Conn finished 63-11-1 with 14 KOs. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Lesnevich (W15); Lesnevich (W15). He was named *The Ring's* "Fighter of the Year" in 1940 and was elected to *The Ring's* Hall of Fame in 1965.

4.BOB FOSTER (1968-1974): While Bob Foster had many outstanding qualities as a boxer, he is remembered as a puncher—a thunderous puncher.

Of the 65 men to share a ring with Foster, 46 were knockout victims. Of the 19 lucky ones, four were heavyweights—Ernie Terrell, Doug Jones, Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali—who stopped Foster. Two others, Mustapha Wassaja and Bob Hazelton, stopped Foster when he was 40 years old.

At 6-3, Foster had the height of a heavyweight, which made it very difficult for shorter opponents to get inside his powerful punches. He captured the championship with a four-round KO of Dick Tiger, the only time Tiger was stopped in a long and illustrious career. Foster went on to make 14 successful title defenses, a division record, and also managed to squeeze in an unsuccessful try for Frazier's heavyweight crown in his spare time before retiring in 1974. A comeback produced five victories before Wassaja and Hazelton convinced him to hang 'em up in 1978.

Foster finished his career 56-8-1 with 46 knockouts. His record against other light heavyweight champs: Tiger (KO4). Foster was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1983.

5. TOMMY LOUGHRAN (1927-1929): When oldtimers discuss great light heavyweights of the past, one name—Tommy Loughran—inevitably brings a twinkle to the eye.

Loughran was as pretty a boxer as one would ever want to see. He had to be, because he couldn't punch a lick. In 172 fights, Loughran stopped only 18 opponents, a percentage that gained him a lowly 1.5 rating in punching power and squashed his chances of moving ahead of the top four finishers.

But Loughran was so good in every other aspect of the game—he receives a perfect 10 in natural ability—he still finishes fifth on the all-time list.

Loughran won light heavyweight honors with a 15-round decision over Mike McTigue in 1927. Two years and six defenses later, he gave up the crown to fight as a heavyweight. In challenging Primo Carnera for the heavyweight championship, Loughran spotted Carnera 86 pounds, the largest weight difference in any title bout. Loughran dropped a 15-round decision to Carnera. Ironically, Loughran's last defense as light heavy champ was a 15-round win over Jim Braddock, who later won the heavyweight title. Loughran also boasted wins over Max Baer and Jack Sharkey, two other heavyweight kingpins.

Loughran's career log reads 96-23-8 with 18 KOs and 45 no decisions. His record against other light heavyweight champions: McTigue (ND8); McTigue (ND8); Delaney (L10); Delaney (D10); Carpentier (W10); McTigue (W15). Loughran was named *The Ring's* "Fighter of the Year" in 1929 and 1931 and was elected to *The Ring's* Hall of Fame in 1956.

6. HAROLD JOHNSON (1962-1963): Perhaps Harold Johnson is overlooked because he fought in the light heavyweight division. Perhaps Harold Johnson is overlooked because he was a stylish boxer who waited patiently, sometimes too patiently, for the chance to apply the finishing touch. Perhaps Harold Johnson is overlooked because he fought during the reign of Archie Moore.

Whatever, *The Ring* panel did not overlook Johnson in this poll, giving credit to his outstanding, all-around ability.

Johnson tried to take the light heavy crown from Moore in 1954, but was

stopped in the 14th round. Eight years later, at the age of 34, he decisioned Doug Jones to win the championship, which was vacant at that time. Johnson defended the world title just once before losing to Willie Pastrano by decision.

Of 87 bouts, Johnson won 76, 32 by knockout, and lost 11. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Moore (L10); Moore (L10); Moore (W10); Moore (KOby14); Pastrano (L15).

7. GEORGES CARPENTIER (1920-1922): Like Conn, France's "Orchid Man" is remembered more for the fight he didn't win than for the many he did.

Carpentier's main link with history is his try for Jack Dempsey's heavyweight championship, which drew boxing's first million dollar gate at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City, New Jersey. Carpentier, who probably weighed much less than his listed 172 pounds, was knocked flat in four, but that loss should not diminish his many great achievements.

Carpentier won the European middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight titles before he captured the world light heavy crown with a four-round KO of Battling Levinsky in 1920. After losing to Dempsey, Carpentier defended once, then lost the crown to Battling Siki, who knocked him out in six rounds of a wild brawl.

In total, Carpentier was 88-14-6 with 56 knockouts and one no decision. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Levinsky (KO4); Siki (KOby6); Loughran (L10). The Frenchman was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1964.

Georges Carpentier

8. DICK TIGER (1966-1968): By the time Nigeria's Richard Ihetu corraled the light heavyweight championship he was 37 years old and had been twice middleweight champion, off and on, for three years. Still, he held the crown for two years, defending it twice before running into the hard-punching Bob Foster.

While Tiger failed to achieve any perfect scores from *The Ring* panel, he ranks near the top in determination and quality of opposition. A dogged competitor, Tiger overcame his age and physical shortcomings—he was just 5-8—to win a second championship. After gaining it, he put it on the line against the best around, much as he did when he was a middleweight.

Tiger finished 61-17-3 with 26 KOs. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Torres (W15); Torres (W15); Foster (KOby4). Tiger was named *The Ring's* "Fighter of the Year" in 1962 and 1965 and was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1974.

Dick Tiger

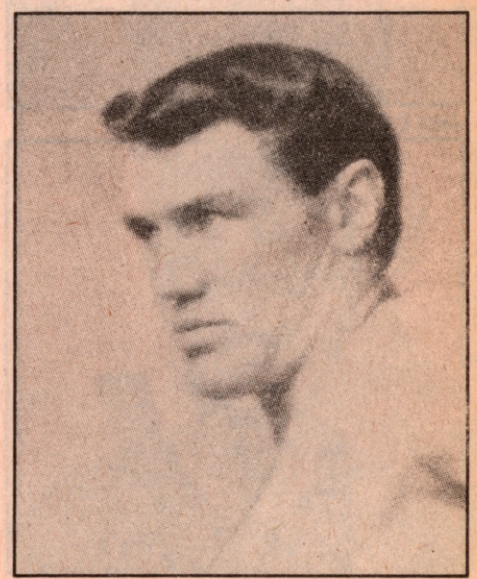
9. PHILADELPHIA JACK O'BRIEN (1905-1914): Don't be fooled by the years. Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, born Joseph Francis Hagan, may have held the light heavyweight championship for nine years, but he didn't defend it for nine years. In fact he didn't defend it at all!

O'Brien won the young title in 1905 with a 13-round knockout of former heavyweight champ Bob Fitzsimmons. But the division was just two years old, and O'Brien showed no interest in defending. Instead, he challenged heavyweight champ Tommy Burns twice, fighting a 20-round draw with Burns before losing a 20-round decision in the rematch.

By the time 1914 rolled around, Jack Dillon was clamoring for a title match. When O'Brien showed no interest in meeting Dillon, Dillon became the generally recognized champion. But O'Brien's record was so outstanding, his place in the top 10 could not be denied. He lost just seven of 181 fights and his opponents included Marvin Hart, Tommy Ryan, Kid McCoy, Fitzsimmons, Burns, Stanley Ketchel, Jack Johnson and Sam Langford, among others!

O'Brien concluded his career 101-7-16 with 36 knockouts and 57 no decisions. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Fitzsimmons (ND6); Fitzsimmons (KO13). He was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1968.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien



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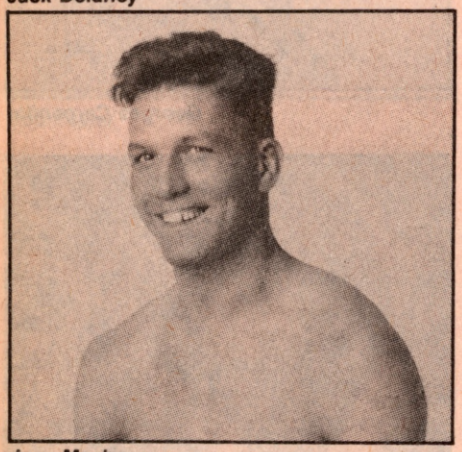

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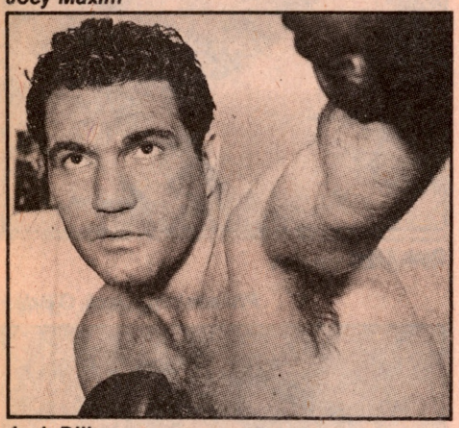


Jack Dillon

9. DWIGHT MUHAMMAD QAWI (1981-1983): "The Camden Buzzsaw" finishes tied with O'Brien for the ninth spot, though he's had a much shorter, 33-fight career. Still, the 34-year-old Qawi rates a perfect 10 for durability, so it is possible he could cram in another 148 fights to match O'Brien before he's through!

Still active as a heavyweight, Qawi has been thumping opponents for nine years. Consistency has been a strong point. At 5-6¾, Qawi presents a tiny target. Using a variation of Archie Moore's shell, Qawi becomes even more difficult to hit. He never seems to get hurt, and he rarely takes a backward step.

Qawi won light heavyweight honors with a 10-round TKO of Matthew Saad Muhammad. He defended the crown three times before losing a 15-round decision to Michael Spinks. He later won and lost the WBA junior heavyweight title, for what that's worth.

Qawi is 28-4-1 with 17 KOs. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Saad Muhammad (TKO10); Saad Muhammad (TKO6); Spinks (L15).

11. JACK DELANEY (1926): Don't be misled by the name, Jack Delaney was born Ovila Chapdelaine in Canada.

A skillful boxer with an excellent jab and a stiff punch, Delaney was another who fought everyone around with great success. He tried twice for light heavyweight honors, losing a 15-round decision to Paul Berlenbach before beating Berlenbach in a rematch.

But Delaney never defended the crown, opting to fight heavyweights instead.

When he finished in 1932, Delaney possessed a 70-10-3 record with 42 knockouts, two no decisions and one no contest. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Loughran (W10); Berlenbach (KO4); Loughran (D10); Berlenbach (L15); McTigue (KO4); Rosenbloom (W10); Berlenbach (W15); Berlenbach (KO6). Delaney was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1973.

12. JOEY MAXIM (1950-1952): Giuseppe Antonio Berardinelli, in the true tradition of the great light heavies, fought everybody tough and gave them all they could handle, gaining perfect scores in durability and quality of opposition.

However, Maxim was a light puncher and made little impact on the game, and his scores suffer in those categories.

Maxim won his championship with a 10-round KO of Freddie Mills. After an unsuccessful try for Ezzard Charles' heavyweight title, Maxim defended his light heavy honors twice successfully before losing his crown to Moore. Perhaps his most famous moment came in his second defense when he turned back the challenge of Sugar Ray Robinson, who collapsed from the heat in the 14th round of their bout in Yankee Stadium. As hot as it was, Maxim was still standing at the finish.

Maxim's log shows 82 wins, 29 losses and four draws. He had just 21 knockouts, but was stopped only once. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Lesnevich (W15); Mills (KO10); Moore (L15); Moore (L15); Moore (L15); Pastrano (L10). Elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1975.

13. JACK DILLON (1914-1916): "Jack the Giant Killer" possesses one of the most incredible records ever compiled by a boxer. In 240 fights against the best competition the sport could offer, Dillon was almost impossible to stop, failing to go the distance just twice.

Dillon wanted a title shot at Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, but O'Brien wasn't interested in defending his light heavyweight championship. When Dillon beat Al Norton on points in 10 rounds in 1914, he was considered the new light heavy king. Dillon fought 58 times over the next two years, but defended the crown just three times, losing it the third time on a 15-round decision to familiar foe Battling Levinsky.

As an ex-champion, Dillon continued boxing until 1923, finishing his career 92-6-14 with 60 knockouts, 127 no decisions and one no contest. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Levinsky (ND6); Levinsky (ND10); Levinsky (W12); Levinsky (ND10); Levinsky (ND10); Levinsky (ND10); Levinsky (W15); Levinsky (ND10); Levinsky (D8); Levinsky (L12). Dillon was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1959.

14. MAXIE ROSENBLOOM (1932-1934): Rarely has a fighter's nickname been more appropriate. "Slapsie Maxie" fought almost 300 times, an incredible feat in itself. In those fights, he scored just 18 knockouts!

Maxie just couldn't punch. But he could fight. He was stopped just twice. No matter who Maxie was in against, you could win a safe wager just betting the bout would go the distance.

After Loughran abandoned his championship, the division title remained dormant until Rosenbloom gained general acceptance as world champion via a 15-round decision over Lou Scozza. While many light heavyweight champions ignored their division, Rosenbloom brought attention to the class by defending his title six times over two years. He lost it on a 15-round decision to Bob Olin and never got the chance to regain it. Still, Maxie fought on successfully until 1939.

Rosenbloom's career mark reads 210-35-23 with 18 KOs, 19 no decisions and two no contests. His record against other light heavyweight champs: Delaney (L10); Lewis (W10); Olin (L15); Lewis (W10); Lewis (W10). Rosenbloom was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1972.

15. MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD (1979-1981): Perhaps Matthew Saad Muhammad, born Maxwell Antonio Loach, could have beaten every one ahead of him on this list. Perhaps, he would have lost to each and maybe a few underneath him, too.

But one thing is for certain. No matter who Saad stepped into the ring against, it would have been some kind of fight. A notorious bleeder who could be hurt, Saad was also a never-say-die campaigner who could knock anyone out with one good shot.

The light heavyweight crown, with the retirement of Foster, was without a champion for almost five years until Saad won universal recognition with an eight-round knockout of Marvin Johnson. He defended the crown successfully eight times, winning all but one by knockout, until Qawi stopped him in the 10th round. From there, Saad's career went quickly downhill.

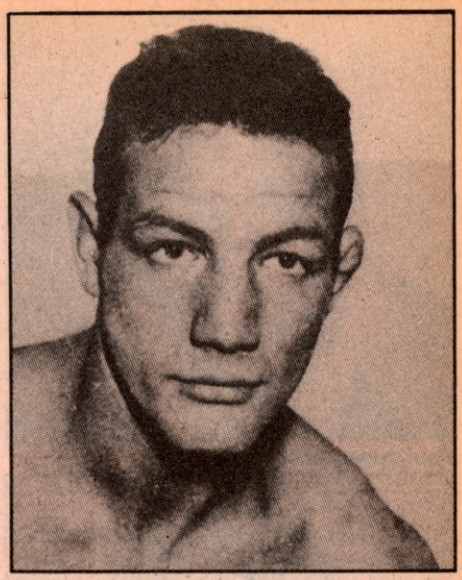
Still campaigning in 1986, Saad finished the year 33-7-2 with 25 KOs. His record against other light heavy kings: Qawi (KOby10); Qawi (KOby6).

16. BATTLING LEVINSKY (1916-1920): They didn't call Barney Lebrowitz "Battling" for nothing. Like Rosenbloom, Levinsky was in most fights to the finish.

Of the 274 bouts credited to his record, only 27 were decided by knockout, 23 in Levinsky's favor. Only Jack Dempsey had the key to stopping Levinsky until Georges Carpentier turned the trick in 1920 to take Levinsky's crown.

Levinsky won the title in 1916 when he decisioned Dillon, whom he met 10 times. While Levinsky's claim is good enough to get him recognition as a true champion, he did not defend the title until Carpentier's European claim began to overshadow his own. Carpentier settled the dispute in the ring.

Overall, Levinsky finished 66-19-13 with 23 knockouts and 176 no decisions. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Dillon (ND6); Dillon (L12); Dillon (ND10); Dillon (W12); Dillon (ND10); Dillon (ND10); Dillon (L15); Dillon (ND10); Dillon (D8); Dillon (W12); McTigue (ND10); Carpentier (KOby4). Elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1966.



Maxie Rosenbloom

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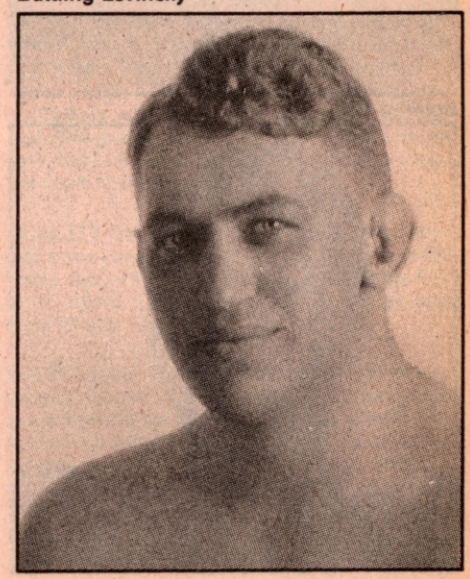

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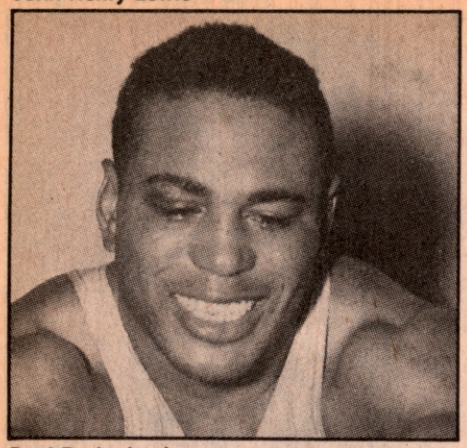

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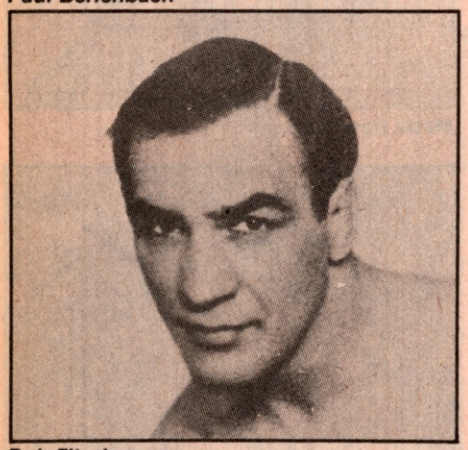

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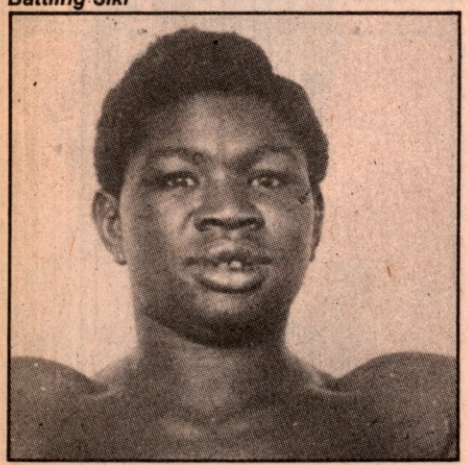

16. JOHN HENRY LEWIS (1935-1939): Tied with Levinsky is John Henry Lewis, a fine boxer-puncher who carved out a somewhat quiet niche in fistic history.

Lewis won his championship with a 15-round decision over Bob Olin. He defended the crown five times before giving it up to challenge Joe Louis for the heavyweight title. Louis flattened Lewis in less than a round, and Lewis retired immediately after. Perhaps his dismal showing in his most important contest is the main reason why John Henry Lewis is somewhat forgotten these days.

The knockout by Louis was the only time John Henry was stopped. His record stands 103-8-5 with 64 KOs.

18. PAUL BERLENBACH (1925-1926): A former amateur wrestler turned boxer, "The Astoria Assassin" quickly showed opponents he had plenty of punch in his left hook.

Pressing forward constantly, Berlenbach searched for a spot to drop the hook. But he wasn't a one-dimensional fighter, either. Berlenbach could box a little bit as he proved against the best of his era.

Berlenbach took the championship from Mike McTigue via a 15-round decision. He defended three times before losing the crown to Jack Delaney, also on a 15-round decision.

His career totals show 37-8-3 with 30 knockouts, one no decision and one no contest. His record against other light heavy champs: Delaney (KOby4); Siki (KO10); McTigue (W15); Delaney (W15); Delaney (L15); McTigue (KOby4); Delaney (KOby6). He was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1971.

19. BOB FITZSIMMONS (1903-1905): "Ruby Robert" won the light heavyweight championship at the age of 40, making him the first of only two triple champions in boxing history. Fitzsimmons had earlier won the middleweight and heavyweight titles. Henry Armstrong won world championships in the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight classes.

Naturally, Fitzsimmons was well past his prime when he won a 20-round decision over George Gardner to become the third light heavyweight champion in the division's first year of existence. Fitz slowed the turnover rate somewhat, defending the crown with a six-round no decision over O'Brien in 1904. However, O'Brien knocked Fitz out the next year and, although Fitzsimmons continued fighting until 1914, he was never a contender again.

Fitzsimmons concluded fighting with a 40-11 record with 32 knockouts, 10 no decisions and one no contest. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Gardner (W20); O'Brien (ND6); O'Brien (KOby13). He was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1954.

19. BATTLING SIKI (1922-1923): Tied with Fitzsimmons is the colorful Battling Siki, who was born Louis Phal.

Siki fought much the same way he lived, aggressive and with wild abandon until he was shot to death at the age of 28. But while he was around, he created quite a stir.

In 1922, he shocked the world of boxing by capturing the championship with a six-round KO of Carpentier. In his very next fight, he chose to make his first title defense against Mike McTigue in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day. Needless to say, Siki had to score a knockout to win under those circumstances, a feat he failed to accomplish.

Siki wound up 61-17-4 with 34 KOs, five no decisions and one no contest. His record against other light heavy champs: Carpentier (KO6); McTigue (L20); Berlenbach (KOby10).

CHARTING THE CHAMPIONS

	Defense	Determination	Durability	Hand Speed	Foot Work	Punching Power	Cut Resistance	Natural Ability	Quality of Opposition	Historical Impact	Total
Archie Moore	8.5	10	10	7.5	7	10	8.5	9	10	10	90.5
Michael Spinks	9	9	8.5	9.5	7	10	7.5	8.5	7	10	86
Billy Conn	8.5	8.5	9	9.5	10	3.5	7.5	10	9	10	85.5
Bob Foster	7.5	8	8.5	7.5	6.5	10	7.5	7.5	9.5	9	81.5
Tommy Loughran	9	9	9	9	9	1.5	7	10	9	8	80.5
Harold Johnson	8.5	7.5	7.5	8	8.5	8	7.5	8	9	6	78.5
Georges Carpentier	7.5	6.5	7.5	8	8	7	6.5	8.5	9	9	77.5
Dick Tiger	7	9	8.5	6.5	6	6	8	7	9	8	75
Phila. Jack O'Brien	8	7.5	8.5	8	8	4.5	7	7.5	9	6	74
Dwight Qawi	9	8	10	7	5.5	7	8	6.5	6.5	6.5	74
Jack Delaney	7	6.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7	7.5	8.5	9	5.5	73.5
Joey Maxim	7.5	8	10	7	7	3.5	6	6	10	6.5	71.5
Jack Dillon	8.5	9	9	6	6.5	5.5	7	6	9	4.5	71
Maxie Rosenbloom	7.5	9	10	8	7	1	5.5	6.5	9	6.5	70
Saad Muhammad	4.5	10	9	6.5	5.5	10	1.5	7	8	6.5	68.5
Battling Levinsky	7	8.5	9	6	6.5	3.5	7	6	9	4.5	67
John Henry Lewis	7.5	6	9	7	7.5	6	6	7	6.5	4.5	67
Paul Berlenbach	6	7.5	6.5	6	6	7.5	6.5	7	8	5.5	66.5
Bob Fitzsimmons	6.5	7	7	5	4.5	8	7.5	6	6	8.5	66
Battling Siki	6	8	8	6	5	7.5	7.5	6	6.5	5.5	66
Jose Torres	6.5	6.5	7.5	7	6.5	7.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	5	66
Gus Lesnevich	6	8	8	6	5	7	4.5	6	8.5	5	64
Jack Root	6.5	7	7	5	5	6.5	7	5	6.5	8	63.5
George Gardner	5.5	7	6	6	5.5	6	8	6.5	8	5	63.5
Willie Pastrano	4	6	7	9	9.5	4	6	6.5	7	4.5	63.5
Freddie Mills	5.5	9	6.5	6	5	7.5	5.5	6	6.5	5.5	63
Mike McTigue	6	5	6.5	6	6	7	4.5	5	8	4.5	58.5
Bob Olin	5	6	5.5	6.5	6	4	6	6	7	4	56

A few words of explanation about the 10 categories used in deciding *The Ring's* new all-time light heavyweight ratings:

DEFENSE: While this category is self-explanatory, it should be noted that in cases where a champion's offense was also his best defense, points were awarded based on the overall effectiveness, vis-a-vis defense, of his individual style.

DETERMINATION: Courage, guts, heart, bottom, whatever you want to call it, it all boils down to the same thing: the overpowering will to keep fighting in the face of any odds.

DURABILITY: The champions' chins, stamina and overall conditioning throughout their careers were considered when grading this department.

HAND SPEED: One cannot overstress the importance of hand speed, perhaps the single most important quality any fighter can own.

FOOT WORK: Another vital part of any boxer's repertoire. It should be noted that a champion doesn't necessarily have to be a speed merchant—though it certainly helps—to rate highly in this category.

PUNCHING POWER: The most obvious and dynamic quality a fighter can possess. The effect of combination punching was also factored into this equation.

CUT RESISTANCE: Always a factor, especially today when officials are much more likely to stop a fight because of cuts than in the past.

NATURAL ABILITY: Not only are the champions' God-given talents taken into consideration here, but also the fact that some failed to make the most of their gifts.

QUALITY OF OPPOSITION: It is undeniable that some champs fought in an era blessed with better fighters than others, a criterion that has to be taken into consideration when grading them as a group.

HISTORICAL IMPACT: The champion of any division should be more than just the best fighter in the world at his weight. Ideally, he should also be a larger-than-life figure, one who captures the public's imagination and leaves an indelible impression on the sport. □

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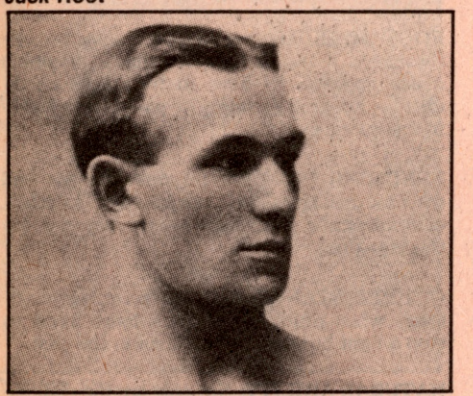

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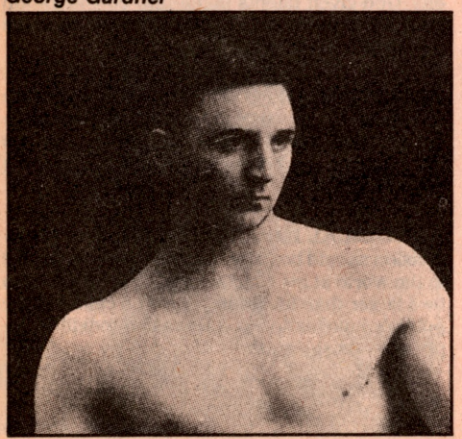


19. JOSE TORRES (1965-1966): Joining Fitzsimmons and Siki in a three-way tie for the 19th position is Jose Torres of Puerto Rico.

Torres did most of his campaigning as a middleweight with some success until he moved to the light heavyweight ranks at the age of 28. Torres captured the light heavy crown with a surprise ninth-round stoppage of Willie Pastrano, then defended it successfully three times.

Torres dropped the crown on a 15-round decision loss to Dick Tiger, then dropped another 15-round decision in a rematch. He won two more fights, but retired in 1969. Today, Torres heads the New York State Athletic Commission.

Torres finished 41-3-1 with 29 KOs. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Pastrano (KO9); Tiger (L15); Tiger (L15).

22. GUS LESNEVICH (1941-1948): Gus Lesnevich was another one of those dogged light heavyweights who just didn't know when he was licked.

Lesnevich tried to take the crown from Billy Conn, but lost a 15-round decision. Lesnevich tried again, but Conn beat him again. So Lesnevich waited until Conn went after Joe Louis' heavyweight crown, then tried again.

In 1941, he won NBA recognition as light heavy champ with a 15-round win over Anton Christoforidis. In his next start, he gained world recognition with a 15-round decision win over Tami Mauriello. Lesnevich beat Mauriello in a rematch, then stopped Freddie Mills and Billy Fox (twice) before losing to Mills on a 15-round decision.

Lesnevich's career stats read 60-14-5 with 23 KOs. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Olin (W12); Conn (L15); Conn (L15); Mills (KO10); Mills (L15); Maxim (L15). Lesnevich was named *The Ring's* "Fighter of the Year" in 1947 and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1973.

23. JACK ROOT (1903): Janos Ruthaly gained a permanent place in boxing lore by being the first light heavyweight champion. Root was campaigning as a middleweight, but put on a few pounds. His manager, Lou Houseman, realized Root, at just over 160 pounds, would have little chance against good heavyweights, so he pushed for a new division to fill in the gap. Thus, the light heavyweights had taken root, if you'll pardon the expression.

Houseman arranged a match with Kid McCoy for the title, and Root won on points in 10 rounds. But George Gardner, who had knocked out Root earlier, contested Root's claim and challenged the champion. Root met the challenge but lost the crown when Gardner knocked him out in 12 rounds.

Root finished 44-3-5 with 24 knockouts and one no decision. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Gardner (WF7); Gardner (KOby17); Gardner (KOby12); Gardner (D6); Gardner (W6). Root was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1961.

23. GEORGE GARDNER (1903): As you can see by reading the segment on Root, there was little to choose between the first light heavy king and his successor, George Gardner. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that they are tied in the all-time rankings.

How good are they? The films we were able to watch show that Root and Gardner were pretty decent fighters. But the fact that Bob Fitzsimmons was able, at the age of 40, to clearly outbox Gardner to win his crown shows that neither was a world beater.

Gardner went on to fight five more years after losing his championship, but he never got another title shot. He finished his career 41-11-10 with 19 knockouts, two no decisions and one no contest.

23. WILLIE PASTRANO (1963-1965): Make that a three-way tie for the 23rd slot as Willie Pastrano joins the two oldtimers.

Pastrano was a master boxer, but had little punch. Probably the best-looking light heavyweight champion, Pastrano kept his face that way by boxing circles around most opponents. Perhaps if he had dedicated himself to a career as a light heavyweight, he would have accomplished more. Instead, he had a tendency to put on weight and preferred to campaign as a heavyweight.

Pastrano took his world championship with an upset 15-round decision over Harold Johnson. He defended the title twice, was stopped by Jose Torres in his third defense, and never fought again.

Pastrano finished 63-13-8 with 14 knockouts. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Maxim (W10); Moore (D10); Johnson (W15); Torres (KOby9).

26. FREDDIE MILLS (1948-1950): Freddie Mills fought Gus Lesnevich for the light heavyweight championship in 1946. Mills was knocked down four times in one early round, but battled back gamely until Lesnevich finally stopped him in 10.

That fight proved the Englishman was not one to give up easily. Mills kept campaigning until he got a rematch with Lesnevich two years later. This time, Mills won by decision to enter the ranks of the light heavyweight champions.

Mills held the crown for a year and a half. Held it. In his first defense, he was stopped by Maxim. He never fought again.

Mills was 74-17-6 with 52 knockouts. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Lesnevich (KOby10); Lesnevich (W15); Maxim (KOby10).

27. MIKE McTIGUE (1923-1925): That Mike McTigue should come out so low in the rankings is an indication of how competitive the light heavyweight division has been through the years.

While McTigue was no Moore or Spinks, he also was no stiff. A standup boxer with a stiff jolt in his punches, McTigue took on everyone as was the custom in his era.

As recounted earlier, he captured his championship in his birthplace of Ireland on St. Patrick's Day against Battling Siki. But he couldn't hold it, losing the crown to Berlenbach in his first defense.

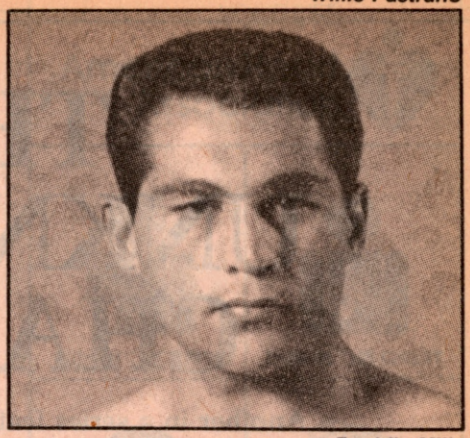
McTigue's career record reads 81-23-6 with 57 KOs and 36 no decisions. His record against other light heavyweight champions: Levinsky (ND10); Loughran (ND8); Siki (W20); Loughran (ND8); Loughran (ND8); Berlenbach (L15); Delaney (KOby4); Berlenbach (KO4); Loughran (L15).

28. BOB OLIN (1934-1935): Pulling up the rear is Bob Olin, who campaigned for 11 years against top-notch competition.

Olin won some, lost some. In doing so, he failed to capture the public imagination, but he did manage to corral the light heavyweight championship with a 15-round decision over the light-hitting Rosenbloom. Olin's prosperity didn't last long as he dropped his crown to Lewis in his first defense.

Olin's 54-27-4 record, which included 25 knockouts, indicates he may have been over his head as a world champion. His record against other light heavyweight champs backs up that theory: Rosenbloom (W15); Lewis (L10); Lewis (L15); Lewis (KOby8); Lesnevich (L12).

Willie Pastrano



Freddie Mills

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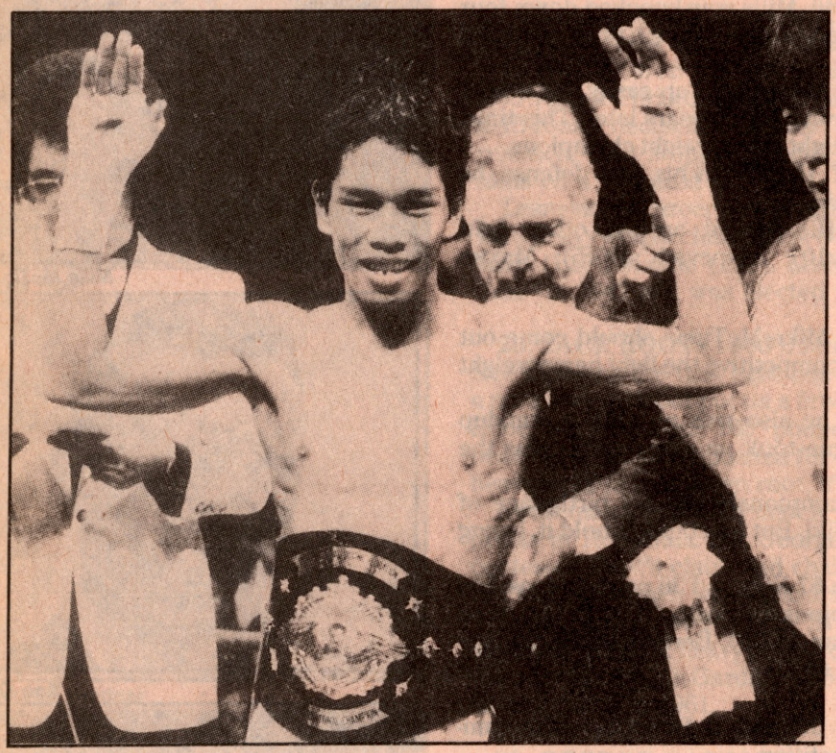
THE UNKNOWN CHAMPS

Another in a series featuring some of boxing's lesser-known titleholders. This month we profile:

by Manolo Inigo

DODIE PEÑALOSA
IBF Flyweight Champion



POLIO AND POVERTY DID NOT PREVENT Dodie Boy Peñalosa from becoming the Philippines' only world boxing titlist in two weight divisions.

Never mind if his left leg is shorter and thinner than the other (and thus he fights with a limp). Never mind if he got $15 paychecks during his early days as a nobody in his native Cebu in northern Philippines. Peñalosa has learned to make his life more meaningful instead of having these misfortunes work against him.

Today, the 24-year-old, 5-4 Peñalosa is a folk hero of sort to 56 million Filipinos, whose love for boxing has remained intact through the years beginning in 1923 when their very own Pancho Villa won the world flyweight title and Flash Elorde reigned supreme for six years in the early 1960s as king of the junior lightweights.

Born Diosdado Peñalosa on Nov. 19, 1962, the son of former Philippine lightweight and junior welterweight champion Carl Peñalosa was struck by polio six months after his birth. Still months later, another misfortune struck the family when his father's trucking business failed.

And thus Peñalosa grew up in the poverty pit. But even if he had less in life, Peñalosa learned to bear with it until such time that, unable to pay for his matriculation fees at school, Peñalosa sought a boxing scholarship at the Cebu Central Colleges where school authorities gave him a slot on the boxing team mainly because Peñalosa showed natural fighting abilities (from lessons learned from his father) and because Peñalosa was the son of a former champion.

At the age of 20, after having polished his skills as an amateur, Peñalosa fought his first professional fight for a purse of $15. He won by a unanimous decision in six rounds over Roger Pilapil.

Peñalosa ran up a string of nine straight victories, including five successive 10-round bouts, to earn a shot at the Philippine junior flyweight crown, which he stashed away via a 12th-round TKO of battle-tested Romy Austria.

In January 1983, Peñalosa made his first and last defense of the Philippine title by pounding out a technical draw against top challenger Fred Guanzon. Two months after that, Peñalosa made his first try at the big-time when, on March 18 before a crowd of 20,000 at the Araneta Coliseum (venue of the classic Ali-Frazier "Thrilla in Manila" in 1975), Peñalosa captured the Orient Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) junior flyweight championship by scoring an 11th-round TKO of Korean champion Sung-Nam Kim.

He defended the OPBF title once, winning by a 12-round unanimous decision over Japan's Katsumo Sato, before he took a crack at the International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior flyweight title of Japanese Satoshi Shingaki on a wintry night of Dec. 10 in Osaka, Japan.

Equipped with a mean pair of boxing hands, southpaw Peñalosa used his best weapons (a strong left hook and a left uppercut) to hammer out a TKO

victory in the 13th round and become the Philippines' only world boxing champion.

Peñalosa successfully defended the IBF title three times (twice in 1984 and once in 1985) after which he challenged for the World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight crown of veteran Hilario Zapata on July 5, 1986, at the ULTRA in Metro Manila.

Zapata, cashing in on his experience, resorted to a stick and run tactic, teaching Peñalosa a neat boxing lesson and retaining his WBA title by a 15-round unanimous decision.

It was Peñalosa's first defeat in 20 fights. Peñalosa was also stripped of the IBF junior flyweight crown for fighting in the rival WBA championship fight without getting the IBF's approval.

The IBF, however, forgave Peñalosa as he was given the new opportunity to fight in another IBF-sanctioned championship bout.

On Feb. 22, 1987, Peñalosa challenged for the IBF flyweight title of Korean holder Hi-Sop Shin in Inchon, Korea, where a highly partisan crowd thought the limping and slender Filipino had no chance against their brawling, confident champion.

The Koreans went home disappointed while over in Manila, via satellite television, millions sat up and cheered as Peñalosa bombed the hapless Korean into submission in just five rounds of a scheduled 15-rounder.

Peñalosa thus won his second world title in two different weight categories and improved his record to 20 wins against one draw and one loss. He won nine of these bouts by knockouts. His victory over Shin also preserved his unbeaten slate against Korean opponents, six of whom he has beaten, four of them via the short route.

On September 5, 1987, Peñalosa made his first defense of his IBF flyweight crown against Korean Ho-Cho Chang at the Araneta Coliseum, whose owner, sportsman-businessman Jorge L. Araneta, has signed Peñalosa and his manager, Rex Wakee Salud, to a series of fights to bring back boxing to the Filipino masses.

"Maybe Dodie Boy could do what Elorde did to Philippine boxing in the 60s," said Araneta, adding that a fine champ like Peñalosa, despite his handicap, certainly could put Philippine boxing on its feet □

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THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF DODIE PENALOSA

Cebu, Philippines flyweight
Born: November 19, 1962
Manager: Rex Wakee Salud

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1982		
Feb. 28	Roger Pilapil	Philippines	W6
March 21	Rolando Navarres	Philippines	W6
April 21	Tony Labrador	Philippines	W8
May 8	Res Cabuenas	Philippines	W8
May 19	Aurel Sagusay	Philippines	TKO2
June 5	Elmer Magallano	Philippines	W10
June 30	Rio Gamutan	Philippines	TKO6
July 31	German Ellana	Philippines	W10
Sept. 19	Josue Agcang	Philippines	W10
Nov. 26	Romy Austria	Philippines	TKO12
	(Won Philippine junior flyweight title)		
	1983		
Jan. 30	Fred Guanzon	Philippines	TD
	(Defended Philippine junior flyweight title)		
March 18	Sung-Nam Kim	Philippines	TKO11
	(Won OPBF junior flyweight title)		
June 11	Katsumo Sato	Philippines	W12
	(Defended OPBF junior flyweight title)		
Dec. 10	Satoshi Shingaki	Japan	TKO13
	(Won IBF junior flyweight title)		
	1984		
May 13	Jae-Hong Kim	Korea	TKO7
	(Defended IBF junior flyweight title)		
Nov. 16	Chum-Hwan Choi	Philippines	W15
	(Defended IBF junior flyweight title)		
	1985		
July 19	Amado Ursua	Philippines	W10
Oct. 12	Yani Dokolamo	Indonesia	TKO3
	(Defended IBF junior flyweight title)		
	1986		
Feb. 21	Soon-Jung Kang	Philippines	W 10
July 5	Hilario Zapata	Philippines	L15
	(For WBA flyweight title)		
Nov. 8	Young-Il Choi	Philippines	TKO5
	1987		
Feb. 22	Hi-Sop Shin	Korea	KO5
	(Won IBF flyweight title)		

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
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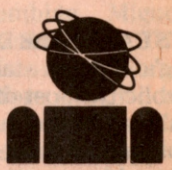
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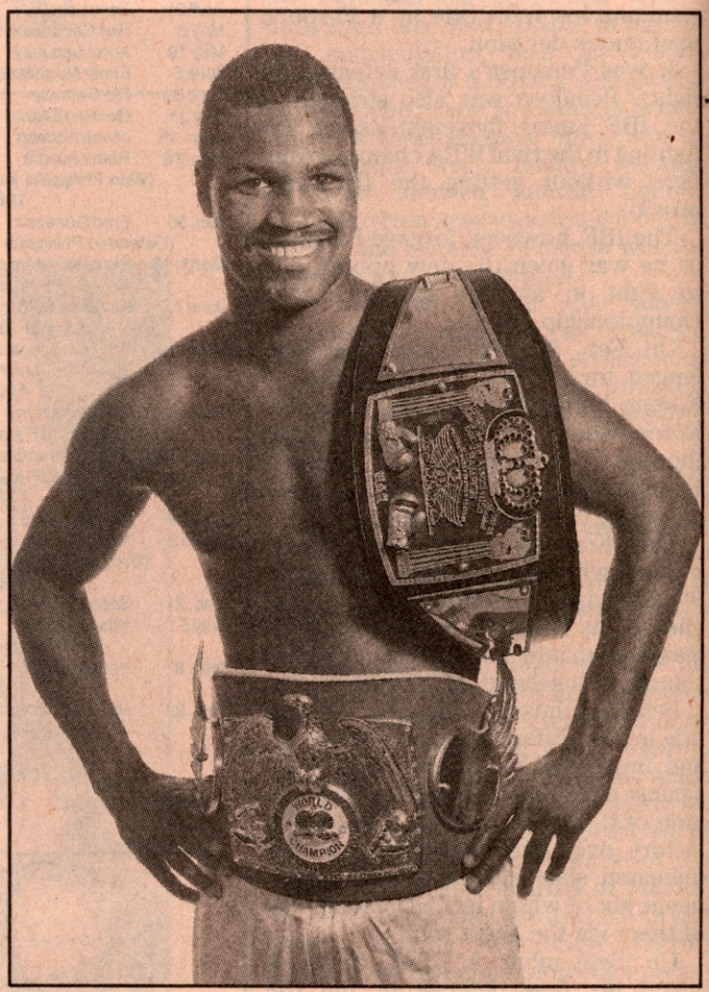
HAROLD BRAZIER & KELVIN SEABROOKS: TWO WHO PERSEVERED

by Nigel Collins

IT'S EASY TO BE ENAMORED WITH BOXing's biggest stars. They get tons of publicity, most of the glory and practically all of the money. A boxer wins a gold medal at the Olympics and he can write his own ticket to fame and fortune. But these are but a handful among the multitude. The ones who really make boxing tick are not the glamor boys. No, that distinction belongs to those toiling in the trenches, those who plug away month after month, year after year, without benefit of a six-figure contract or a multi-fight television deal. Most of them eventually fall by the wayside, broken by hard times and hard knocks. But every now and then one of boxing's bargain-basement brigade battles his way out of obscurity and enjoys a season in the sun. This article is dedicated to two such warriors who, through their hard work and never-say-die spirit, have achieved a degree of success far greater than anyone could have possibly expected in light of their humble beginnings.



Kelvin Seabrooks proudly displays his IBF and USBA bantamweight belts.

THE ADVENTURES OF KELVIN SEABROOKS

KELVIN SEABROOKS GREW UP ONE OF seven siblings in a very rough section of Charlotte, North Carolina. Early success on the baseball diamond made him a mini-hero among his peers and encouraged him to seek additional approval in the ring at the neighborhood PAL.

"I thought I'd be the baddest one," recalled Seabrooks, who was 75 pounds and 11 years old when he first laced on the gloves.

A fine amateur career culminated in a berth on the 1980 United States Olympic team. But when the USA boycotted the Moscow games, Seabrooks missed his chance at international glory and turned pro as just another faceless boxer in a vast sea of pugilistic hopefuls.

Without the backing of a major promotional outfit, Seabrooks was forced to take whatever bouts he could. As North Carolina is hardly a hotbed of fistic activity, he was obliged to hit the road early and often in search of paydays. He was also frequently required to fight men much larger than himself. A natural bantamweight, Seabrooks was often pitted against 126- and 130-pounders. On more than one occasion, his "official" weight was padded to make a better appearance in the program.

"I'd fight anyone for the money," admitted Seabrooks.

Needless to say, such matchmaking didn't exactly lead to a quick title shot or particularly glossy stats. He lost almost as many as he won. If all you knew about Seabrooks was his won-loss record, you would be very surprised to learn his latest purse was a heady $125,000. How this persistent 24-year-old overcame his almost disastrous start in the pro ranks is a story of perseverance personified.

Despite mismanagement and numerous setbacks, Seabrooks never gave up on his dream of being a champion. He credits his faith in God as the major reason he was able to keep trying when many others would have quit.

"The good Lord kept me going," said

Seabrooks. "A lot of fighters fail because they don't put the Lord first. I do, but I bow down to no man."

He also found ways to take solace in the face of defeat.

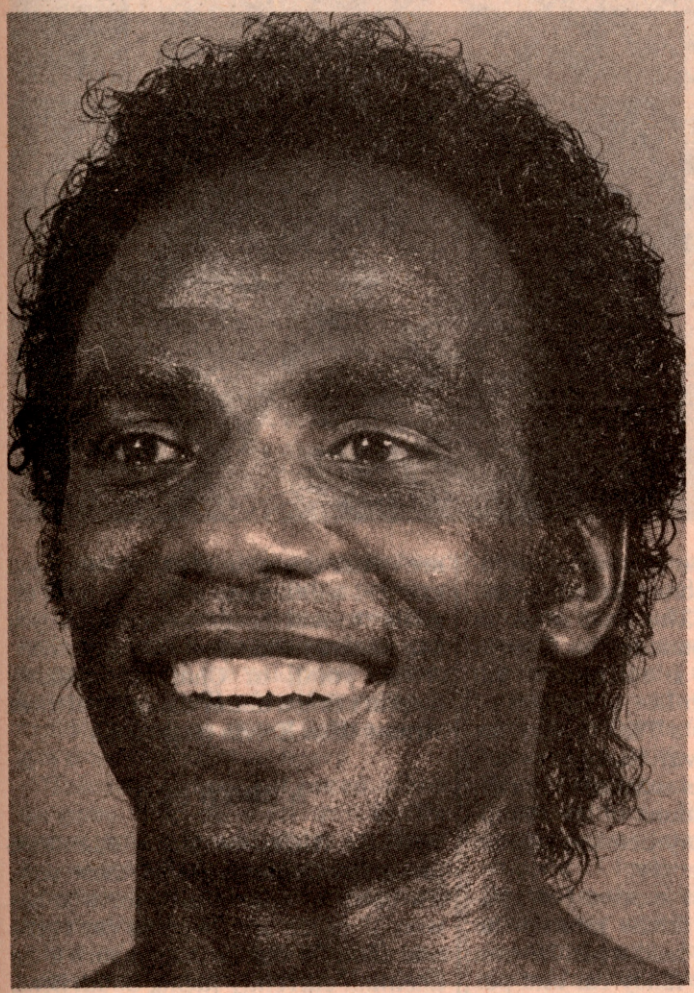
"Fighting those big guys showed me I could really take a punch," rationalized Kelvin during an exclusive interview with *The Ring*.

The only time Seabrooks thought of quitting, albeit briefly, was when he lost a highly disputed decision to Gaby Canizales (who shortly thereafter went on to win the world 118-pound title) in Laredo, Texas, August 25, 1984. It was such a bum call, even Canizales' hometown newspaper gave Seabrooks the nod.

"It (retirement) crossed my mind," said Seabrooks of his thoughts after the disappointing loss. "I beat Canizales, but they gave it to him. But in my mind, I knew I won the fight."

Seabrooks' fortunes took a turn for the better when his management passed from Ed Smith to the father and son team of Bill and Billy Reynolds. The Reynolds run a sign company in Charlotte where Kelvin worked as a delivery boy to augment his meager ring earnings. They had been fans of Seabrooks since his amateur days and promised that from then on he would only fight bantamweights.

Prior to hooking up with the Reynolds, Seabrooks journeyed to Australia as a sparring partner for Jerome Coffee, who was challenging local star Jeff Fenech for the IBF bantam belt. Coffee lost, but Seabrooks stopped Rodney Bowman on the undercard, making a hit with the Aussie fans in the process. The next year Seabrooks returned to the Land Down Under to face high-ranking bantamweight Freddy Jackson in a rare overseas match between two Americans. To the surprise of many, Kelvin stiffed Jackson in the second round to finally earn a spot in most world ratings.



The happy warrior: NABF super lightweight champ Harold Brazier.

Seabrooks' next major match was for the USBA bantamweight title against previously unbeaten Louis Curtis. He prevailed via a unanimous decision in a 12-round thriller described by *The Ring's* J.R. Jowett as a strong candidate for "Best Obscure Fight" of the year.

When Fenech relinquished his 118-pound crown because of weight-making difficulties, Seabrooks was matched with Colombian Miguel Maturana for the vacant title. The match was held in Maturana's home town of Cartagena before a crowd of over 20,000 at the local bullring.

Colombia proved a real adventure even for a well-traveled veteran such as Seabrooks. First, he was issued the wrong type of visa and was forced to make a side trip to Panama; hardly the best way to train for the most important fight of his career. Then there were disconcerting crowds of up to 500 fans who turned up every day to watch him in the gym. That's a bigger audience than Kelvin drew for some of his matches. Mix in the language barrier and the rumors that Maturana was a drug addict, and Seabrooks needed all his powers of concentration to keep his mind on the fight.

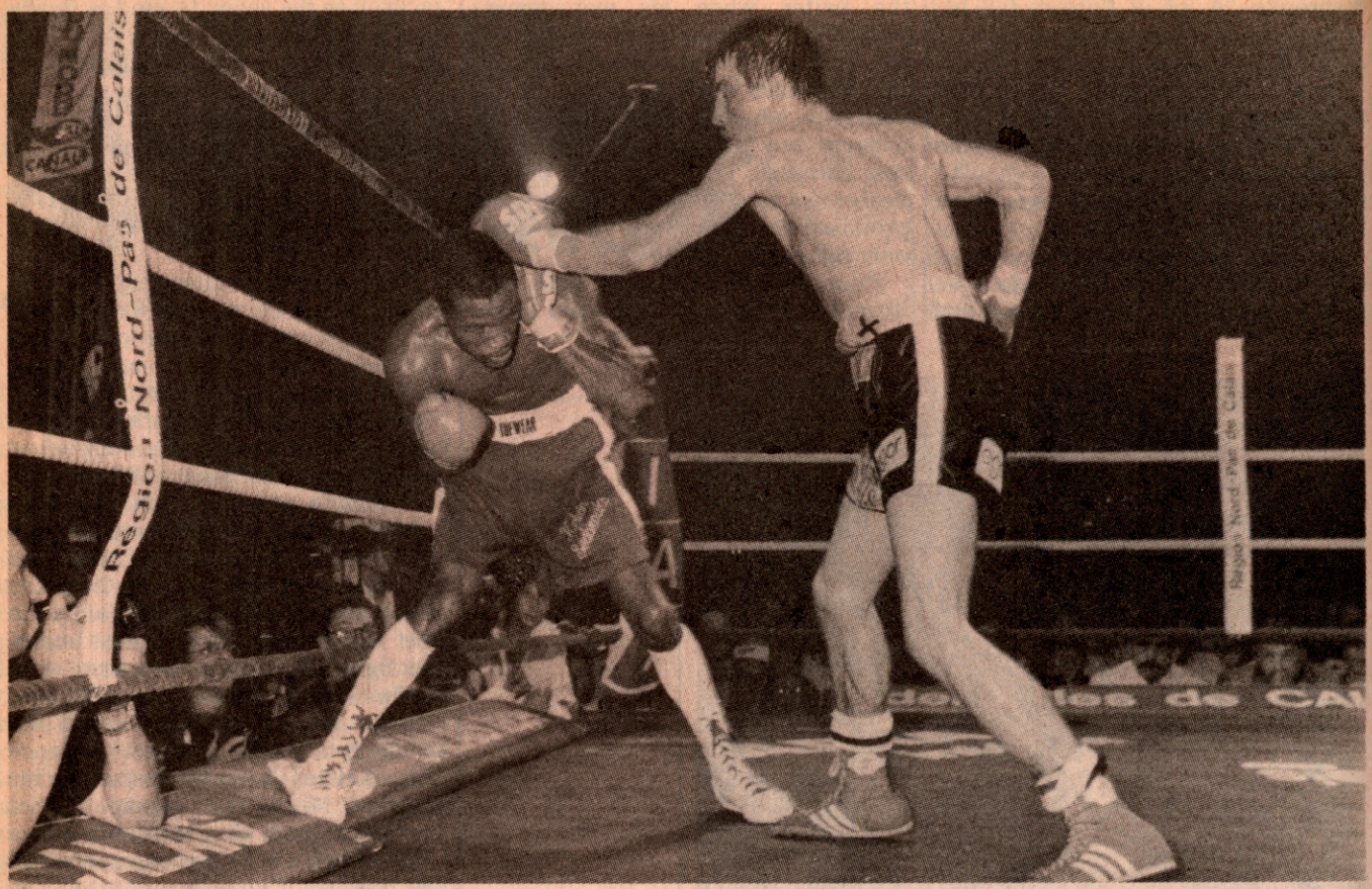
Nevertheless, after sampling Maturana's power early, Seabrooks starched the Colombian with a nifty right-left combination to the head for a fifth-round knockout and the IBF belt. The crowd was stunned by the sudden downfall of its hero but not nearly as shocked as Kelvin was when Maturana approached him after the fight and asked to borrow $10.

"I didn't know what to say," Seabrooks said. "So I wrote 'Seabrooks kayoes Maturana in Five' on a $10 bill and gave it to him."

As things turned out, beating Maturana was the easiest part of Seabrooks' trip to South America. Getting out of Colombia was the hard part. Kelvin was detained several days after the rest of his party departed while the local authorities tried to figure out how much taxes the new titleholder owed them.

Finally back home, Seabrooks barely had time to relish his new-found success before he was off to France to make his first defense against southpaw challenger Thierry Jacobs in Calais. What ensued made the strange

Seabrooks ducks under a left thrown by Thierry Jacobs during their thrilling bout in France. Seabrooks survived three knockdowns to retain his title under controversial circumstances.



happenings in Colombia seem like a Sunday school picnic by comparison.

The bout was only 12 seconds old when Seabrooks dropped Jacobs with a right hand for an eight count. The challenger fought back bitterly and before the opening round was over twice floored Seabrooks, first with a left hook and then with a right.

The pace was torrid and in the eighth, Jacobs knocked Seabrooks down for the third time with an uppercut. Though way out in front on all official scorecards, Thierry had just about fought himself into a state of exhaustion by the ninth and Seabrooks rallied back strongly.

"He fought at an amateur pace," recalled Seabrooks. "I knew he had to get tired eventually."

The Frenchman, who had been cut over the right eye in the third, stayed on his stool at the bell for the start of the 10th round. Jacobs' corner, headed by his excitable father, Jacques, apparently thought Thierry would be declared the winner via the IBF's "cut eye rule." But as the cuts were not inflicted by an intentional butt, the rule did not apply.

Seabrooks left the ring amid confusion and a hail of stones thrown by the irate French fans. The final result is still somewhat clouded. The French Boxing Federation is calling it a "no contest," while Bob Lee, president of the IBF, claims it's a TKO victory for Seabrooks. Either way, Seabrooks still holds the title and is scheduled to sign to face Ernie Cantuluna of the Philippines in a mandatory defense against the IBF's top challenger.

While his modest success has enabled Seabrooks to finally give up the dishwashing job he held when he won the IBF belt, buy a fancy car and put a down payment on a new home for him and his family, Kelvin remains the same unassuming fellow at heart.

"I'm not a big-headed champion," he insists, despite the fact the city gave him a special day at the Charlotte Motor Speedway when he returned from Colombia.

Seabrooks is becoming something of a public figure in Charlotte, a responsibility he takes quite seriously. His community work includes visits to local schools and recreation centers.

"I want the kids to know that there are better things in life than drugs and crime. I tell them to stay in school, set goals ... and never have doubts you can achieve what you set out to do."

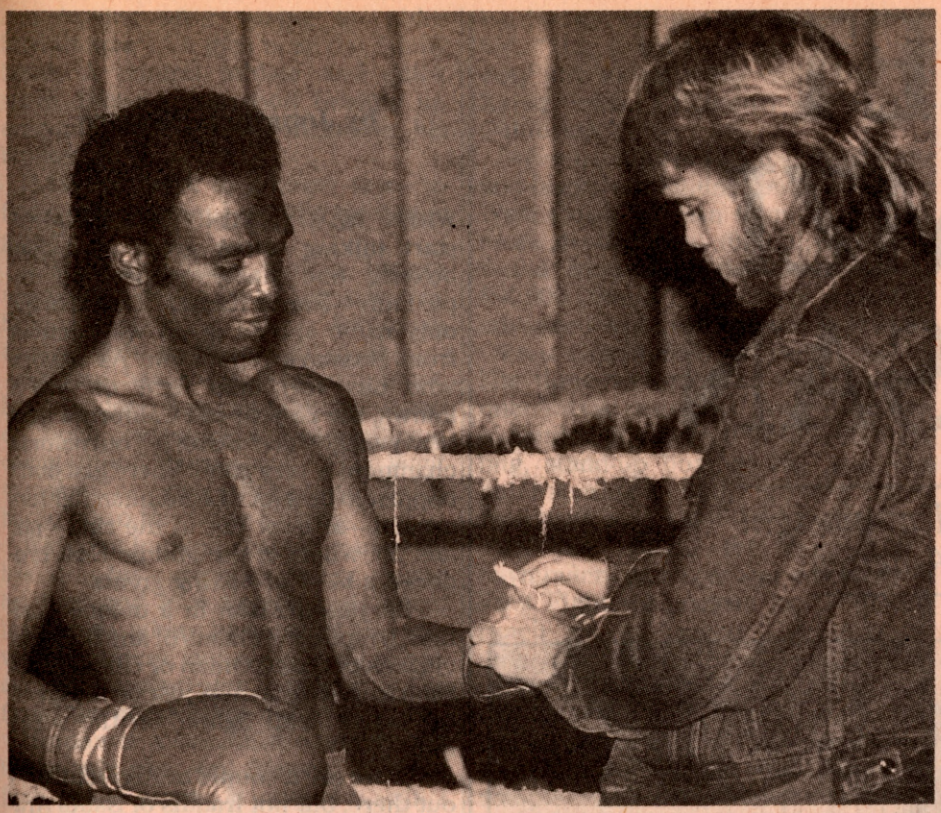
The youth of Charlotte certainly couldn't find a better example of those virtues than Kelvin Seabrooks.

A PRO'S PRO

WITH ALL THE SO-CALLED WORLD CHAMpionships floating around these days, it's hard to believe a boxer who has won 35 of his last 36 bouts can't get a title shot. Be that as it may, such is the dilemma currently facing South Bend, Indiana's Harold Brazier.

A throwback to the era when fighters fought at least once a month, Brazier is the busiest main event fighter in the United States. He doesn't care if it's a coffee-n-doughnuts purse in Bowling Green or a nationally televised biggy in Atlantic City, Brazier will be there ready to rumble. He and manager Pete Susens are strong believers in the old-fashioned American work ethic.

"Fighting pays more than going to the gym," explained Susens when asked about Brazier's busy schedule.



Manager/road buddy Pete Susens helps Brazier prepare for a workout. Brazier frequently spars 15 rounds, taking on every fighter in the gym.

"I'd rather fight than train," echoed Brazier. But don't get the impression Harold skimps on his gym chores. Basically self-taught, he motors from gym to gym around the mid-west looking for sparring. He'll often box over 15 rounds, taking on every fighter in the gym from flyweight to heavy.

"This way I don't get bored. I love the game. Most guys are in it for the money, but I would fight for free," Brazier revealed, quickly adding he'd never want to admit the same thing to a promoter.

Brazier's pro career got off to a rather inauspicious start in May 1982. During his first several years on the circuit, Brazier was considered just an honest journeyman, winning most of his bouts in the boondocks, but usually losing whenever he got a match at a major venue. Numbered among his early losses was a 10-round decision to future world welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan in London. But whatever he lacked in experience and high-powered connections, Harold made up for with a great attitude.

"The reason I didn't stay an opponent is because I kept on learning," said Brazier. "Some guys have to be pushed. I gave myself a kick in the pants. I don't look at it as a fight, I look at it as a boxing match, a sport. And I want to be the best that I can be."

Beginning with a 10-round decision over Mike Essett for the Indiana State junior welter title in January of 1985, Brazier became a consistent and frequent winner. His first important triumph came later that year when he stopped Charlie "White Lightning" Brown on the ESPN cable. Instead of waiting for another lucrative TV date as many boxer would, Harold continued his tank town tour of the country, knocking over little-known adversaries for chump change. The experience he gained has not only proved invaluable, it has taken him closer to one of his most cherished goals.

"I want to have 100 pro fights. I'm over halfway there now and if I don't get injured I'm sure I'll make it," Brazier told *The Ring*.

Brazier's lone loss over the past three years came against Olympic gold medalist Meldrick Taylor over 10 hard-fought rounds in Corpus Christi, Texas, May 9, 1986. Even though he blew this opportunity to break into the bigtime, Harold refused to let defeat discourage him.

"I learned so much in the loss to Taylor, I think it helped me more than it helped him," opined Brazier, whose rapidly growing record stands at 49-7-1 with 34 KOs as we go to press.

Without a doubt, Brazier's finest win came earlier this year when he outpointed previously undefeated John Wesley Meekins over 12 rounds to retain the NABF junior welterweight crown he had won in '86 with a 10th-round TKO over Brian Baronet. The Meekins contest saw Brazier display all of the skills he has been so busy honing while barnstorming boxing's backwater. A consummate craftsman, Brazier took the powerful Meekins to school, boxing beautifully and punching with crisp precision.

Never one to rest on his laurels, Brazier was soon back in action following his significant victory over Meekins. The next five months saw him reel off eight more wins, three in the month of June alone!

"I just don't go to the gym. I try to improve my technique every day. I'm striving for perfection," explained Brazier. "After 57 fights, I'm still learning. I still don't have a left hook that can drop you with one shot."

While he was the NABF's Fighter of the Year for '86, one can't help but wonder if Brazier ever gets a bit discouraged with the lack of attention he receives from the various governing bodies when it comes time to hand out title shots.

"No, it's just politics. It's not always the best fighters who get the title shots. I don't have the popularity some fighters have. That's why I stay so busy. The more exposure I get, the more marketable I become."

At age 32 he still hasn't given up his "day job" at an auto body shop. Is he worried about burning out before he gets a chance to show what he can do in a championship match?

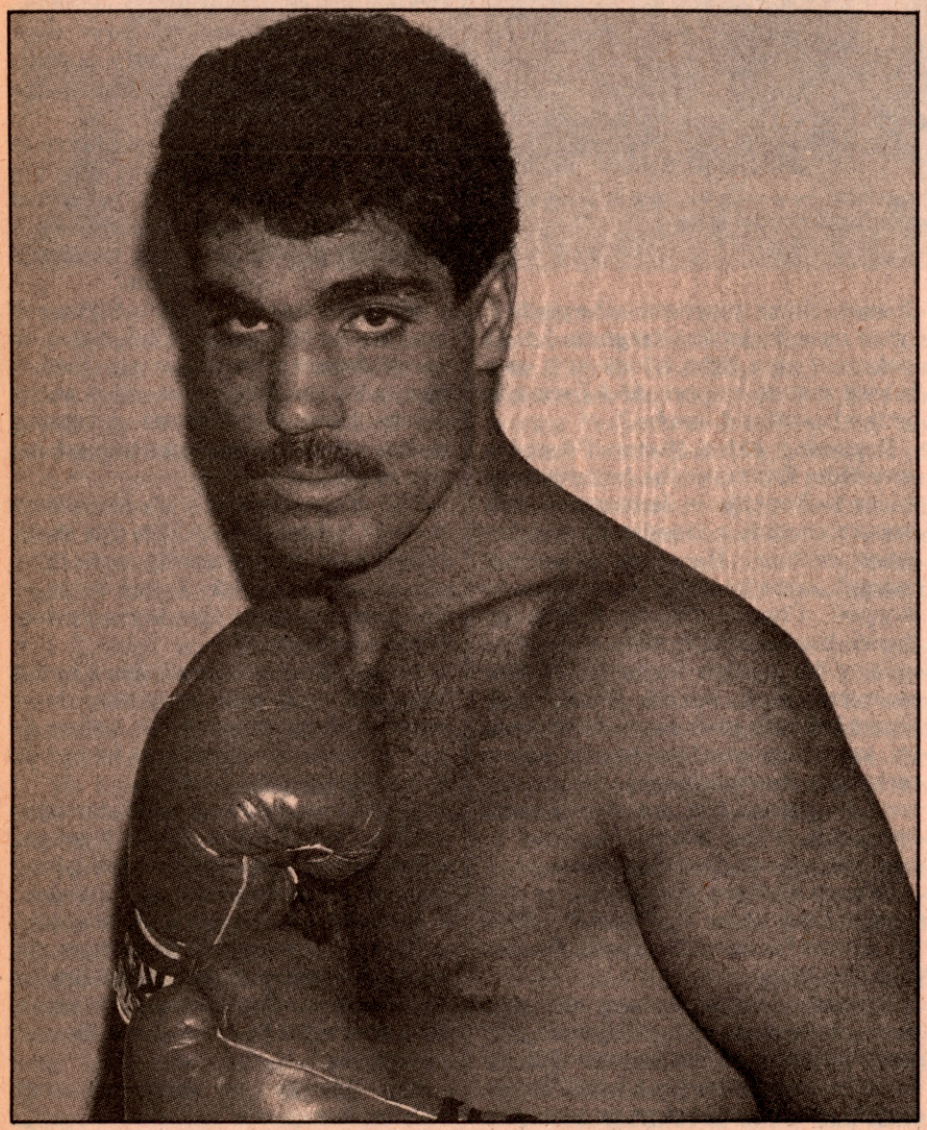
"Right now, I haven't even started to decline," said Brazier. "I'm still gaining in both savvy and stamina. I think I can keep going another five or six years."

It's hard not to admire a fighter such as Brazier, a real pro's pro. Of course, the final chapter of the Harold Brazier story has yet to be written. As his manager and road buddy Susens likes to remind us:

"All fighters are opponents until they're champions." □

MEET RAMZI HASSAN

Arab Light Heavyweight Invades America



by Jonathan Shapiro

WHEN REAL BOXING AFICIONADOS start talking about great Jordanian boxers, one name comes up repeatedly—Ramzi Hassan. That it is the only name should in no way detract from Hassan's reputation. As anyone who has seen him fight on ESPN knows, the 25-year-old California light heavyweight and Stroh's Tournament champion is very good. There just don't happen to be a lot of Jordanian fighters around—at least not in the ring—nor has the whole of the Middle East produced a bevy of boxing greats.

This puts Hassan in a unique position. Despite the claims of any bragging citizens of Qatar, Oman or United Arab Emirates, Hassan may just be the greatest active Arab fighter on the scene today.

"There are a couple of Algerian guys out there, but not Iraquis or Saudi Arabians: at least I have not heard of them," Hassan said.

"I may just be the greatest Arab fighter ever," he added modestly.

Fans of Mustafa Hamsho (and there may be some) probably have something to say to that. The Syrian middleweight earned a lot of fame and fortune during his 11-year career, especially back home.

"Sure, when I was growing up, Hamsho was a big hero. Everybody in Jordan knew who he was and what he had done. He was a big hero of mine," Hassan said.

But he is quick to point out that, while Hamsho built up an impressive 41-3-2 record over guys like Alan Minter, Wilfred Benitez and Bobby Czyz, one major goal always eluded him.

"Marvin Hagler stopped Hamsho twice for the world title, and Mustafa never got to wear that belt," Hassan said, clearly proud of his own two recent acquisitions, even if they are state and beer company belts. "My dream is to go back to Jordan a world champ, wearing a world belt—something Hamsho could never do."

Hassan has a long road to travel before he even gets a shot at his dream, and it has already been a mighty trek. Born in Zercer in 1962, Hassan drifted

into boxing after seeing an older brother spar in a gym near the family home. A natural athlete and quick study, Hassan was soon beating up everyone in the gym, including his brother.

"I had to move to a larger town to find a place where I could fight better guys."

Hassan eventually took a bronze medal in the Seven Arab Course Games before becoming the Jordanian amateur light middleweight champ.

"Jordan has some good amateurs, but they don't have an Olympic squad or much exposure to international competition," Hassan said. "If you want to make it as a pro, you have no choice but to go to the United States."

With that in mind, Hassan said goodbye to his mother, father, eight brothers and four sisters, and settled in Chicago, where he enrolled as a university student and worked as a welder. Like many new immigrants, he found the adjustment difficult.

"Jordan is a beautiful country, and the people are very friendly. For the first three years in America, all I wanted to do was to go home," Hassan remembered. "But I stuck it out."

While based in Chicago, Hassan developed a respectable 19-2 record. His defeats, both the results of decisions, came at the hands of one Clarence Osby, who Hassan had previously beaten, and Slobodan Kacar, the highly rated Yugoslavian. A boxer and technician in the ring, it was clear Hassan had learned his amateur lessons well.

"People told me that I reminded them of Alexis Arguello, which was a real nice thing to say," Hassan claimed. "Like Arguello, I like to think that I have a big heart."

From the beginning, Hassan presented a razor-sharp jab, a relentless, if not overly powerful attack, and a chin seemingly made of stone.

"I showed people I could take anything."

Nevertheless, things were not all well. Hassan's present record of 23-2 does not include some of his battles outside the ring with managers, which is something of a shame since some of the pyrotechnics from those encounters supposedly rivaled anything that happened between the ropes. Along with his record, Hassan built up a reputation as an attitude problem.

"I've had five managers during my career, and they all told me that I was hard to get along with," Hassan admitted. "This is totally unfair. I'm a very easy guy to get along with. After the Kacar defeat, I figured I would go to California."

After hanging out for awhile with the laid-back, easy-going people of the West Coast, Hassan found himself in more management difficulty. He also found himself in the midst of the $50,000 Stroh's Tournament, where he advanced with relative ease over Jerry Okoro, Kelvin Kelly and Jeff Lampkin. His three victories, all the result of unanimous decisions, were textbook examples of clever, if not overly thrilling, stand-up boxing. The goal was point-scoring if not the crowd-pleasing knockout, and it got the job done.

It also caught the eye of Joe Sayatovich, manager and co-owner of First Fighter Squadron Inc., a boxing ranch set in Campo, California, 80 miles east of San Diego.

Sayatovich, who also handles light middleweight Lupe Aquino, saw potential in Hassan, even if the smart money was firmly against the Jordanian amounting to much over the level of a decent club fighter.

"Everbody told us that Ramzi was unruly and stubborn and it's all untrue. We've found him very easy to deal with. Tell him to sit in a corner and he will," Sayatovich said, taking a page out of the Col. North training manual. "Ramzi has been with us a year and we've been working him very hard, trying to get him to move a bit more and not take so many shots."

Breaking Hassan of his old straight up and down habits has not been easy, according to Sayatovich. But he points out that Hassan has all the essential elements for greatness—especially those which no trainer, no matter how gifted, can teach.

"He's got a great chin, and he's tough as hell. His stamina is ungodly, and he pushes himself like a machine," Sayatovich marveled. "If anybody beats him, it will be a tremendous fight."

Even when Hassan wins, it's a good fight. Going into the Stroh's final against Uriah Grant, Hassan was a clear underdog. Not only was Grant 12-3 with 11 KOs, but his most recent victory had come over former Stroh's champ Grover "Torpedo" Robinson, a popular local fighter who Grant had the poor taste to knock quite literally through the ropes and out of the ring. Ranked 12th by the WBC and managed by Chris Dundee, Grant seemed set for an easy tour over Hassan.

"I wasn't the favorite, that's for sure," Hassan remembered. "I planned to outbox him, but I hurt him in the fifth and got to him again later on."

As usual, Hassan got an opportunity to show off the durability of his much vaunted chin and take more than his share of punishment.

"If I said he did not hurt me, I would be lying," Hassan said with a chuckle, as he remembered taking some heavy leather, especially in the eighth when it appeared that Hassan might be making a visit to the canvas, courtesy of Grant's right hand.

"He hurt me, but he never put his punches together," Hassan said.

In the end, Hassan took another unanimous decision.

According to Forum boxing publicist and pundit Hank Groschadl, Hassan's victory showed that the classic boxer could also go toe-to-toe when he had no other choice.

"I was very surprised to see Ramzi's punching power," said Groschadl. "He has no knockouts to speak of, but he does have some power after all, and he took everything that Grant had. I'd love to see him fight Hearns."

The light heavyweight division, once a doormat weight class, has suddenly taken on a new glamour and Hassan would like nothing better than to see a big name staring at him from across the canvas the next time he climbs between the ropes. On June 30, he again scored a unanimous decision, this time over Glen Kennedy, for the California State Championship, but Hassan clearly has bigger game in mind.

"Light heavyweights will be making some big money now because Bobby Czyz is becoming a big hero and Hearns has moved up. It's all good news for me," Hassan reasoned. "All I want is one of them quickly. I'm not retiring until I become a champ and make some money."

Hassan knows he has to work on some things before he gets his shot, but as long as the chin holds out, the dream remains alive.

"I think it will happen in a year or so," Hassan said. "I'll become a champ, and then I'll go back to Jordan and see the family. I'll be a big star and then retire. I hope to make enough money so that I could settle back there."

Only in America! □

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

PHOTO BY CURT NORMAN/UPI

Marlon Starling raises his arms following his shocking upset victory over Mark Breland for the WBA welterweight title. The win also earned Starling THE RING's Fighter of the Month award.

Veteran contender **Marlon Starling** pulled one of the year's biggest upsets by stopping former Olympic hero Mark Breland in the 11th round for the WBA welterweight title in Columbia, South Carolina. The "Magic Man," as Starling is known, fell short in a 1984 bid to win the same belt when Donald Curry held it. This time, Starling overcame a slow start, gradually wore Breland down and finally finishing the job with a left hook. The shocking victory also earned Starling *The Ring's* Fighter of the Month honors.

WBA junior featherweight boss **Louie Espinoza** is this month's runner-up. Espinoza twice defended his title in a span of 30 days, turing back the challenges of Manuel Vilchez (TKO15) and Mike Ayala (KO9). That's what we like to see ... a fighting champ!

Honorable mentions go to Colombia's **Sugar "Baby" Rojas,** who outpointed Argentina's Santos Laciar for the WBC super flyweight title in Miami and former WBA heavyweight king **Mike Weaver**, who proved he's still one of the most dangerous fighters around by stopping previously undefeated James Pritchard. □

STARLING-BRELAND
WBA Welterweight Title

COLUMBIA, SC—WELL, WELL, well, mama said there'd be days like this. And August 22, 1987 was certainly one of them for former Olympic hero and media darling Mark Breland. Brooklyn's Breland, making his second start in his adopted home town, was stunningly upset by veteran contender Marlon Starling, who TKO'd Breland at 1:38 of the 11th round to take the WBA welterweight title.

In the week preceeding the bout, Starling told anyone who would listen that Breland just didn't have the experience to beat him. Many listened, but few believed. This was Mark Breland, storied amateur star, current WBA champ, and the flagship of the Duva promotional fleet. How could Starling possibly beat all those odds? Simple. He did it by being just as clever as Breland and twice as tough.

The bout opened predictably enough for the first-time defender. Even though Starling had sparred with a heavyweight to prepare himself for Breland's longer reach, the champ's accurate but unspectacular jab was getting the job done. The challenger was coming up empty in his search for an answer to Mark's leads.

However, one maneuver that worked for Starling, 146, was a counter right over top of a soft Breland right in the third, which stunned Breland, also 146, just before the bell.

A clear pattern emerged by Round Four. Breland proved more adept defensively than Starling had anticipated. This, along with Mark's aforementioned jab, had the challenger baffled during the early and middle rounds. Starling did little more than charge and push Breland around the first six sessions. But from the seventh on, it was a different fight.

The tide shifted slowly. Though Breland enjoyed a huge lead, a chink in his armor soon appeared. Over the first six rounds, Starling had either thrown or pushed Breland to the floor five times. In Round Six, referee Tony Perez finally deducted a point from Starling, who nevertheless sensed his mauling tactics were beginning to pay off.

After, the new champ said, "He wasn't going down because I was pushing him. He was going down for a rest. He was going down on purpose."

The wear and tear began to tell on Breland. In the geometry of the square circle, Breland played the part of the scalene triangle ... and he snapped under the pressure. Like a lanky yearling on spindly limbs, he was finding it difficult to deal with the high-stakes jostling on the championship fast track.

Rounds seven and eight found Starling reaching the

peak of his roughhouse approach. He was also starting to let his hands go on the inside, punishing Breland to the body. A low blow draped Breland over the ropes and Perez gave him a brief respite. Starling was apologetic, but the damage had already been done.

The ninth was the best of the afternoon. With the Township Auditorium crowd voicing its approval, the boxers engaged in several extended exchanges. Breland landed combinations as Starling pressed, but a strong right to the head by Starling nearly turned the scoring around.

Both caught their breath early in the 10th. But then Starling climbed all over Breland, trying to land. He didn't score too many effective shots and Breland fired back with gusto. While Mark took the round, the two-point spread judges Carol Polis and Harry Cecchini gave the champ was a bit too much.

The "Magic Man," as Starling likes to call himself, pulled victory out of a hat just past the one-minute mark of the 11th. Both men landed during a free-swinging volley, but it was Breland who weakly gave ground and stumbled backwards into his own corner.

Starling knew Breland was ready to be taken and jumped right down his throat. Breland tried to ride out the storm, but Starling capped his onslaught with a screaming left hook to the head which floored Breland right in front of a stunned Lou Duva.

After escorting Starling to a neutral corner, Perez picked up the count at five. Breland pushed himself up on one side, only to fall over the other way. He somehow just managed to beat the count, but it was a lost cause. Breland was out on his feet and Perez waved finish to Mark's six-month reign.

Scoring after 10 was as follows: Polis 99-91, Cecchini 99-89 and Edward Levine 97-92, all for Breland.

At the post-fight press conference, the Breland camp claimed their man had suffered torn rib cartilage eight days before the fight. To his credit, Breland was philosophical about his injury.

"(Starling's supporters) were talking about injuries. They said I might get injuries, that I might pull out," said Breland. "I didn't want to make any excuses. I said. 'Well, I'll fight.'"

Promoter Dan Duva felt the rib was not the major issue in Breland's downfall. Rather, he felt Mark should not have taken such a tough fight at this time.

"Mark will be back when he's 100 percent," said his co-manager, Shelly Finkel.

Starling's comment on Breland's injury probably summed matters up best.

"After every fight there's an injury," said the new WBA 147-pound boss.

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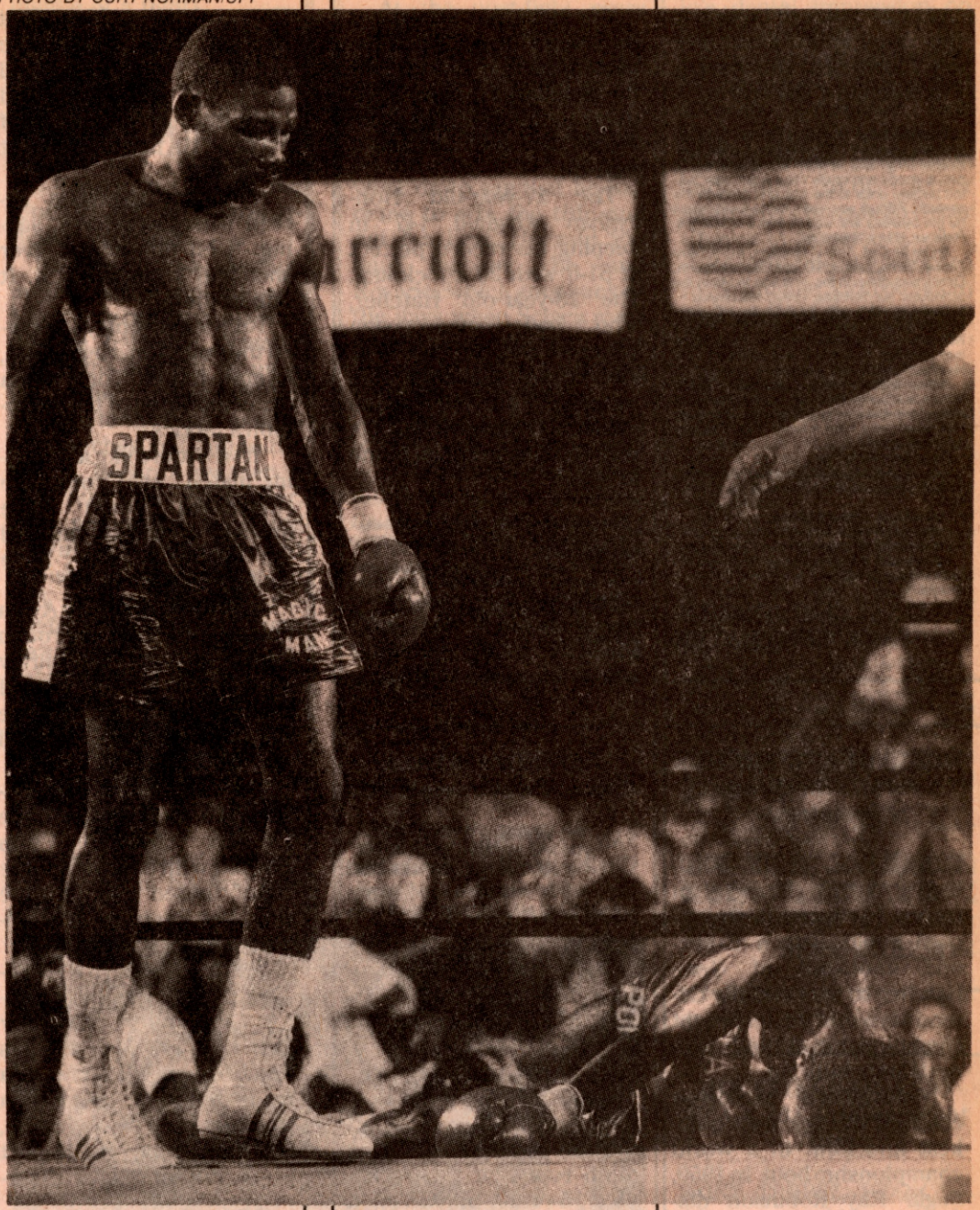


Marlon Starling walks away from a defeated Mark Breland after flattening the former Olympic hero with a left hook in the 11th round of their battle for the WBA welterweight title.

"After 20 years of boxing in this cruel sport, I can now say I have beat the system. I'm champ of the world."

In a scheduled 10, Henry Tillman, 218, Los Angeles, posted a TKO over Dan Sutton, 233, Spartanburg, SC, at 1:37 of the seventh. It was a sloppy and crude affair which saw Sutton decked once in the first and twice in the seventh. Tillman was down in the fourth when he got careless and walked into a sucker left. Referee, Harry Hitopoulos.

Andre McCall, 195½, Houston, KO'd Terry Denny, 185½, Lenoir, NC, at 1:38 of the fourth. Denny was down in the third and fourth in the scheduled six. Referee, Gregg Hitopoulos.

Curtis Summit, 150, Fayetteville, NC, blew out mismatched Levon Rouse, 146, Kinston, NC, with a TKO at 0:32 of Round Two. Rouse was dropped in the first and shaken in the second. Referee, Bill Jerry.

Willie Taylor, 140½, Columbia, TKO'd Roderick Thompson, 136, Spartanburg, at 1:15 of the first in a scheduled six. The loser was down once from a body shot. Referee, Jack Alexander.

Television: ABC-TV.

Preliminary judges: Ed Martella, Bill Fincher, Malcolm Dewitt, Harold Stokes & Alton Whittier.

Timekeeper: Steve Moskos.

Promoter: Main Events/Monitor.

Announcer: Jim Marotta.

Attendance: 2,100 (paid).

Live Gate: $65,000.

(8-22-87)

J.R. JOWETT/ JACK OBERMAYER

HONEYGHAN-HATCHER
World Welterweight Championship

MARBELLA, SPAIN—ENGland's Lloyd Honeyghan etched his name in the record books with a 40-second knockout of Gene Hatcher to successfully defend his world welterweight championship at the Nueva Andalucia bullring.

Honeyghan's explosion eclipsed the previous quickest knockout in a world championship bout. In 1950, Sugar Ray Robinson disposed of challenger Jose Basora in 52 seconds to defend his middleweight championship.

"The first punch was one of the best I've ever thrown," said Honeyghan. "That first punch could have knocked anyone out. I just let it all hang out in the first round, and it paid off."

The first punch was an overhand right that stunned Hatcher. A few lefts later, and Hatcher was on the deck.

"He just came straight at me," said Honeyghan. "I expected that, so I just threw the punches I'd been practicing in the changing room before we came out, and it paid off."

The 27-year-old Honeyghan weighed 147 in keeping his record perfect at 31-0 with 20 knockouts. The 28-year-old Hatcher, who had never been knocked out, fell to 27-5. The Texas challenger also weighed 147. Honeyghan earned a reported $100,000, with Hatcher bringing home $25,000.

The undercard saw British heavyweight Frank Bruno stop American Reggie Gross in the eighth round.

Gross, of Baltimore, suffered a bloody nose in the second round and took two standing eight counts later in the scheduled 10-rounder. In the eighth, Bruno pinned Gross to the ropes unleashed a barrage of punches, and the bout was stopped.

(8-30-87)

ESPINOZA-AYALA
WBA Jr. Featherweight Title

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Challenger Mike Ayala had the Freeman Coliseum hometown crowd of 4,377 in his corner.

WBA junior featherweight kingpin Louie Espinoza had the punch in his.

The punch won.

Espinoza, making the second defense of his title, flattened Ayala with a left to the body early in the ninth round of the scheduled 15-round brawl. Ayala stayed on his knees, taking the full count from referee Bobby Ferrara to give Espinoza his 12th straight knockout win in his 25-1 record.

Ayala, who fell to 46-5, said he never heard Ferrara's count and insisted the punch that did him in was low.

"I don't think it was a low blow," said Ayala. "I know it was a low blow."

However, Ferrara disagreed on both counts, saying, "It wasn't a low blow, and he definitely heard me counting. He had his head down, so I yelled it out and I put my hands in front of his face. He just didn't want to get up."

Naturally, Espinoza agreed with the referee, saying, "I hit him with a liver shot and I really felt it. It dug in there."

Television replays showed the punch was legal. Still, Ayala's father, Tony Ayala Sr., complained of the champion's tactics.

"It was more like a wrestling match," said Tony. "He (Espinoza) could have brought a baseball bat and the referee wouldn't have said anything."

But the referee saw Ayala creating much of the rough stuff, saying, "He threw some low blows that I warned him about, and he threw punches after the bell and during breaks."

The fun started even before the first bell as the Phoenix champion was greeted with boos and some "fans" tossed beer into the ring. But Espinoza was undaunted.

"The people here were really against me," said Espinoza. "I didn't have any problem fighting him in his home town. That was a management decision. I'm the kind of person who, when somebody says I can't do something I'm determined to show I can."

Espinoza took the fight to Ayala and had him in trouble in the fourth with a right to the body and another to the head. In the fifth, Ayala suffered a cut over his right eye.

"I was bent over and backing out," recalled Espinoza. "I think I got him with the back of my head as I came up because he started bleeding. It was unintentional, I can assure you. I don't like to fight dirty, and I don't like dirty fighters. Accidents happen."

At the finish, all three judges had the champion ahead, Joe Garcia scoring 79-74, Patricia Jarman, 77-76, and Nelson Vasquez, 77-75.

"We kept hearing about what a great body puncher he is," Espinoza's trainer, Willy Borchert, said of Ayala. "Well, if I remember it right, somebody went down from a body punch and didn't get up. And it wasn't Louie."

Roland Gomez of Corpus Christi, Texas, defended his WBC Continental America's super flyweight title with a five-round stoppage of San Antonio's Eddie Rangel. Rangel, who dropped to 20-4, was down five times as Gomez improved his record to 15-1.

(8-15-87)

ROSARIO-NAZARIO
WBA Lightweight Title

CHICAGO, IL.—WHO THE hell is Juan Nazario and what had he done for the opportunity to battle Edwin Rosario for Rosario's WBA lightweight crown was a question many asked before this oft-postponed bout. Nazario introduced himself in a big way to the crowd of 1,900 before succumbing in the eighth round to "Chapo's" debilitating attack.

Nazario's manager, Manny Sciaca, must have smelled a rat when he entered the UIC Pavillion and found a ring the size of a luxurious bathroom. Sciaca protested and the 16-footer was transformed into a 20-foot venue, but he must have forgotten to tell Nazario about the added dimensions. From the opening bell Nazario, 134½, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, took it right to the champion and disdained the boxing tactics many predicted were his only chance.

Rosario, 134½, Toh Baja, P.R., was a patient performer, allowing Nazario to

dictate the action and countering when the opportunity arose.

The physical disparity between the fighters was evident. Rosario is well-muscled, physically imposing and taller. Skinny southpaw Nazario looked like a junior lightweight and punched like one. It became apparent early on Nazario just didn't have the firepower to disarm the champ, but that didn't prevent him from throwing everything (shoulders, elbows, head and teeth) into his efforts.

The opening round was rather tentative with Nazario accepting Rosario's invitation to meet him on the ropes and rumble. Referee Carlos Berrocal, Panama, took a point away from Nazario for low blows in Round Two and Rosario added injury to insult by nailing his opponent with a wicked left hook midway through the round.

Nazario was game in the face of adversity and rallied in the third to momentarily stun Rosario, who continued his own version of rope-a-dope.

With his confidence renewed, Nazario came out strong in the fourth and the fighters squared off in the middle of the ring. Rosario stepped on Nazario's feet repeatedly trying to position his left foot outside of Nazario's right foot. Nazario found himself in trouble again midway through the round, but battled back bravely and managed to land a nice uppercut on Rosario's chin as the round came to a close.

In between the fourth and the fifth rounds, Sciaca decided this might be a good time to introduce a stool to his fighter's corner. (I will never understand this—you either use a stool or you don't, it's sort of a clue things aren't going quite right when you switch in the middle of a fight).

Round Five found Nazario with a bad cut around his right eye. The ring doctor was called in to examine the damage, but let the infighting continue. Nazario butted Rosario at the bell and touched off an extracurricular exchange.

Rosario took a vacation in the sixth and allowed Nazario to recharge his confidence batteries. Nazario began the seventh by moving the accomodating Rosario to the ropes and firing punches, but late in the round Rosario awakened and hurt the challenger, who responded by biting Edwin on the shoulder and instigating another after the bell rumble. Berrocal deducted another point from Nazario for his unsportsmanlike conduct.

Rosario came out for the eighth with a purpose and, via a lethal combination of body punches, featuring his infamous left hook, he finally leveled a fatigued Nazario at 2:43 for a knockout victory in his first title defense.

At the post-fight press conference, Nazario appeared with bandages over both eyes and tried to excuse his behavior.

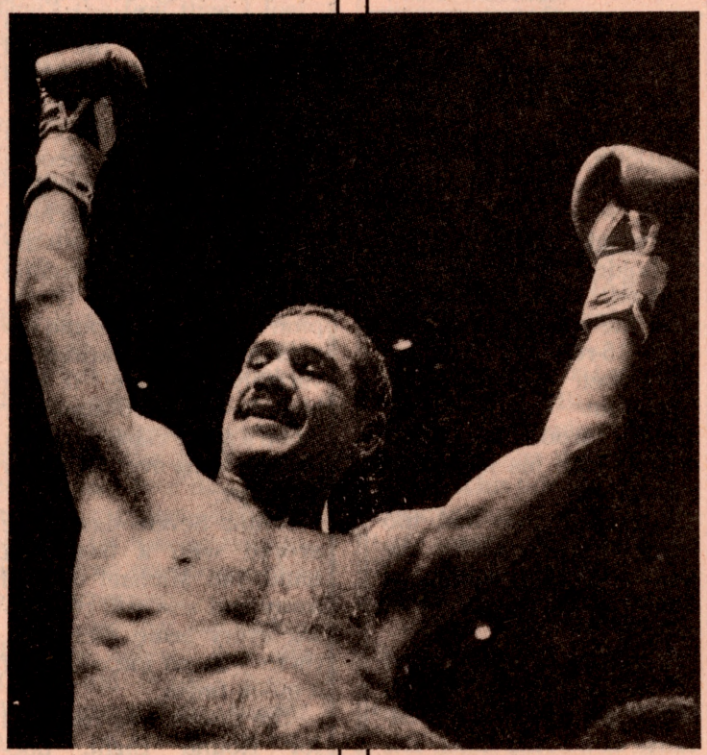
"I was fighting an in-fight, so anything goes." Nazario went on to say that he had come to win the title and did his best. He said the feud between he and Rosario, which goes back to the days when Sciaca managed/trained Rosario and the pair were sparring partners, was over.

Rosario acknowledged that he and Nazario could now be friends again, but he didn't sound so sure about Sciaca. "This is between my former manager and myself, not the fighter."

Rosario acknowledged, "Yes, this was the dirtiest fight I've been in" and promptly displayed Nazario's dental impression on his left shoulder.

"I am the best lightweight in the world," proclaimed Rosario. Promoter Don King then announced Rosario would tangle with undefeated WBC junior lightweight boss Julio Cesar Chavez in November.

Rosario raised his record to 27-2, while Nazario fell to 18-2 with his dead game effort.



Edwin Rosario enjoys his moment of victory shortly after knocking out Juan Nazario in defense of the WBA lightweight title in Chicago.

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Vincent Pettway, 148, Baltimore, MD, TKO'd Miguel Narvaez, 147, Puerto Rico, at 2:41 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Pettway proved himself a good welterweight prospect.

Rodolfo Marin, 211, San Juan, Puerto Rico, landed a thunderous right hand on Larry Roberson's chin and knocked Roberson, 207, Joliét, out at 1:30 in the opening round of a scheduled four.

David Davis, 161, Chicago, had his second impressive outing in 11 days, rallying to stop tough vet Sammy Matos, 159, Chicago, at 2:41 of the fourth and final round.

"UFO" Al Hamza, 146, Chicago, landed lots of leather and finally subdued Mexican trialhorse Jose De Anda, 146, at the end of the fourth round. De Anda was unable to answer the bell for the fifth round in this scheduled 10-rounder.

Henry Sims, 190½, had Windy City rival Alfonso Ratliff, 196, on the deck early in Round One, but couldn't apply the finishing touches and Ratliff rallied to send Sims to the canvas a couple times before the fight was halted at 2:26 of Round Nine.

Abraham Martinez, 131, Mexico City, Mexico, laid a big beating on Sergio Parra, 129, Des Plaines, finally TKO'ing him at 1:32 of the third round.

Hot Puerto Rican prospect Juan Carazo, 115, stopped Jose Luis Vegagil, 116, Mexico City, at 2:09 of Round Three.

Oliver "Atomic Bull" McCall, 225, Chicago, returned to the ring with a vengeance and knocked St. Louis' Richard Scott, 223, clear out of the ring before the fight was halted at 2:50 of the second round.

(8-11-87)

JEFF CARLSON

HOLYFIELD-OCASIO

WBA & IBF Cruiserweight Titles

SAINT TROPEZ, FRANCE—After watching Ossie Ocasio sprint to a decision victory over Dwight Muhammad Qawi, WBA and IBF cruiserweight champion Evander Holyfield figured he would have to go a few rounds defending his titles against the agile, 32-year-old Puerto Rican.

Ocasio didn't turn his title challenge into a track meet, but he didn't stand and mix with the powerful Holyfield, either. Still, the result was inevitable, the undefeated

Holyfield finally stopping Ocasio at 1:24 of the 11th round of the scheduled 15-rounder.

"He knew just what he had to do to get out of trouble," said Holyfield, who posted his 12th knockout in his 16-0 record. Ocasio, the former WBA junior heavyweight champion, fell to 22-5-1 with 11 KOs.

Ocasio showed signs of slowing down in the 10th round and Holyfield hastened his demise with a right to the head that stunned the challenger as the 11th session began. A barrage by Holyfield sent Ocasio to the deck, but he beat the count of British referee John Coyle. However, Holyfield nailed Ocasio to the ropes and continued administering punishment until Coyle stepped in.

Holyfield, *The Ring's* No. 2 heavyweight contender, found Ocasio frustrating as the challenger backed off, threw quick combinations, then clinched as the champion drew within range. Still, Holyfield dominated, landing the more effective shots throughout.

Holyfield is scheduled to make his next defense against Dwight Muhammad Qawi, who lost his WBA crown to Holyfield in a bruising 15-rounder in July of 1986. The rematch is expected in December.

Qawi clinched his return shot at Holyfield with a dominating, sixth-round stoppage of former IBF champion Lee Roy Murphy on the undercard.

Once Qawi nailed Murphy with a right in the opening round, Murphy, of Chicago, showed little interest in battling his squat, 34-year-old foe, instead preferring to lay on the ropes as the New Jerseyan pounded away. The few punches Murphy did land did little damage.

Showing swelling over the right eye, Murphy was defenseless as Qawi put him on the canvas with a combination in the fifth round. Qawi let Murphy escape that frame, but pursued him relentlessly in the sixth, knocking him down again with a left-right to the head. Again, Murphy made it to his feet, but he fell into the ropes, offered no resistance and went down again. Again, he got up, but the bout was halted at 1:32.

The TKO upped Qawi's record to 28-4-1 with 17 KOs, while Murphy lost for the second time, the previous defeat coming at the fists of Rickey Parkey, who took Murphy's IBF cruiserweight title via a 10-round TKO in October, 1986.

Italian Angelo Musone, a ranked cruiserweight according to the WBC, was knocked out in the sixth round of a scheduled 10 by unheralded American Steve Mormino. Musone, the Olympic heavyweight bronze medalist in Los Angeles, entered the bout 19-0, while Mormino was coming off an eight-round decision loss to Keith Ferdinand. Mormino dropped Musone with a right hand, then dropped him again, this time for good, with a right-left combo.
(8-15-87)

LOCKRIDGE-MICHAEL
IBF Jr. Lightweight Title

WINDSOR,ENGLAND—American Rocky Lockridge, 128¼, won the IBF junior lightweight title by beating the holder, Australian Barry Michael, 130, who retired after the eighth of a scheduled 15-rounder. Michael had given everything he had, but was severely marked around the face, and he said his nose was broken.

Lockridge just had too much on the ball for the plucky Michael, who is 32 years old, four years older than Rocky.

It was quite a night. Half an hour before the bout the building was evacuated because of a bomb hoax. The police were called to sort things out. Lockridge preferred to leave the building, but Michael stayed where he was until the search had been completed.

Eventually the arena was declared clear and the boxers entered the ring. Michael created a bit of a shock when he pulled back his dressing-gown hood to reveal that his normally sandy hair had been dyed white.

Michael had won the title two years previously and this was his fourth defense.

The first round was all action and Michael bled from the nose. Lockridge landed some hard right hooks and swings, but Michael fought back and began Round Two with a spell of aggression, scoring particularly well to the body.

Some wild punches were thrown in Round Three, with honors even. Lockridge's corner complained the champion was illegally using his head, but there was no response from referee Joe Santarpia.

The first sign of things to come occurred in Round Four. A right to the head seemed to shake Michael and he bled from the mouth. The champion had to call on his vast experience to keep out of further trouble.

Michael kept punching away in Round Five, but the harder blows were coming from Lockridge. The champion started each round aggressively, but Lockridge invariably took over. It was blow-for-blow in Round Six when a nasty clash of heads raised a lump over Michael's right eye.

Round Seven—Lockridge scored with a fast right hand, but Michael danced away and was still contesting every issue. Certainly, there was no indication of a quick finish.

The drama was reserved for Round Eight. Lockridge's mentor Lou Duva had been twice warned for vocally encouraging Rocky during the action, and early in this round Duva was warned for allegedly having an illegal substance. The explanation was that this was medicine for Duva's heart condition.

Suddenly it was all over. Michael looked exhausted. He was severely handicapped by his injuries and as he reached his corner at the end of the round, he indicated that he had retired.

There was a short consultation with his father Len Swettenham, the referee was called over, and the official announcement was made.

Full marks to Lockridge for a competent display. He did what he had to do in commendable fashion. Michael had the courage, but was up against a better man on this occasion. Barry afterwards announced his retirement from the ring and said he intended to return to Australia to promote boxing.

George Collins, 150½, Camberley, stopped Jimmy Thornton, 150, Sheffield, referee Ritchie Davies intervening at 1.40 of Round One of a scheduled eight with Thornton under pressure. It was Thornton's first stoppage defeat. He protested, but a left hook had left him wide open.

Nigel Benn, 163, West Ham, kayoed Eddie Smith, 170, Manchester, at 1:08 of Round Three in a scheduled eight. Ref, Reg Thompson.

Damien Denny, 151¼, Belfast, stopped Joe Lynch, 149½, Plymouth, referee Thompson intervening as the bell ended Round One of a scheduled six. Lynch had been down twice.

Sean Murphy, 123½, St. Albans, stopped sub Ronnie Stephenson, 121, Doncaster, referee Davies not bothering to take up the count at 1:23 of the opening round of a scheduled six after Stephenson had been floored by a right hand.
(8-9-87)

RON OLVER

YOUNG-PRYOR

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL.—"The Hawk" was back. Unfortunately, he was flying in the wrong direction.

Being out of the ring for two years was bad for others. But Aaron Pryor

thought he would be different. Was he wrong!

Pryor's return after a two-year battle with drug abuse was a disaster as Bobby Joe Young thrashed him before scoring a TKO win 29 seconds into the seventh round.

The loss was Pryor's career first after 36 wins. Young upped his mark to 30-5-2 and virtually assured himself of becoming one of boxing's most popular trivia questions of the future.

Pryor was in trouble even before the scheduled 10-round bout at the Sunrise Musical Theatre began, and former two-time opponent Alexis Arguello knew it.

"Pryor is making a big mistake," said Arguello. "I guess he needs the money. I feel sorry for him."

He felt sorrier later.

Pryor bounced into the ring with his usual enthusiasm, perhaps a bit too much enthusiasm as it turned out. Pryor taunted Young, which drew a return from Young's 59-year-old trainer, Tommy Parks. Pryor took a left-handed swipe at Parks, who countered with the palm of his right hand, bloodying Pryor's mouth before the two were separated.

"His trainer really, really threw me off," said a disoriented Pryor after his defeat. "He hit me in the mouth and bloodied my mouth before the fight even began."

If Pryor couldn't avoid a shot from Parks, he had little chance of ducking Young's punches. That became obvious in the first round when a stinging left and solid right put Pryor on the deck. Pryor got up, helped the timer count to eight, then faked wobbly knees as referee Bernie Soto wiped his gloves. Young was unimpressed and rattled Pryor again in Round Two with four good shots to Pryor's head. Young continued controlling the action but didn't put Pryor in serious jeopardy again until the sixth, when a right-left combination nearly decked "The Hawk" again.

Young, a 28-year-old from Steubenville, Ohio, who weighed 146½ to Pryor's 148, wasted little time in finishing Pryor as the seventh began.

Young connected with a lead right to Pryor's jaw shortly after the bell, and down went Pryor on his side. He bounced up at four, but dropped to one knee at the count of eight. Bleeding from the ear, Pryor made the sign of a cross as if he thought the fight was about to begin. Meanwhile, Soto counted him out.

"They shouldn't have stopped the fight," said a confused Pryor. "I heard seven, eight, and I stood up. He never said 10. I was just taking a sufficient eight count.

"It was a good tuneup for me," Pryor continued. "It put me on my Ps and Qs. That's the first time I lost. Merry Christmas. So what. It was a very close fight. I couldn't get to him like I wanted to. It was just my rust. To me, this fight just fine-tuned my rust.

"This was an excellent fight for me," added Pryor. "I was able to do everything I wanted to do, but I got a little lazy. It's the first time I lost in 10 years. I won't believe this until I read it in the newspapers."

Pryor made comments indicating he thought Young's corner had used illegal ammonia capsules between rounds. Or was he remembering past practices of his own cornermen?

"I realize that age comes to every fighter," said the 31-year-old Pryor. "But I think I can still give boxing another go. If I had the ammonia capsule when I went down and if I didn't get the controversial count, I could have finished up stronger. I don't want to make excuses, but . . ."

Arguello is one who hopes Pryor reconsiders his comeback.

"If any commission in the world would accept him to fight, it would be terrible," said Arguello. "There is something wrong with him. I just hope he doesn't get hurt."

One who did get hurt was promoter Walter Alvarez as the 4,000-seat Theatre was less than half full. Not to be discouraged, Pryor indicated, several weeks after his loss, that he would continue his career.

Another scheduled 10 saw Steve Larrimore, 137, Bahamas, TKO game Joe Altyander, 135, Trinidad, at 1:52 of the eighth. It was hard-fought with the two standing toe-to-toe throughout.

Chris Anderson, 141, West Palm Beach, scored a TKO at 1:52 of the third of a scheduled four over Carlos Curet, 135½, Miami.

A.W. Muhammad, 169½, Miami, was dropped twice by Uriah Grant, 181¼, Miami, and stopped at 2:40 of the first of a scheduled six.

Oscar Chavarria, 118, Miami, halted Rafael Forte, 115, Miami, at 1:24 of the first of a scheduled six.

Elvis Yero, 148, Miami, won his third straight as a pro. Yero, a former US amateur junior welterweight champion, halted Spencer Philips, 146, Miami, at 1:51 of the first, the damage coming from body shots.

Promoter: Walter Alvarez.

Matchmaker: Frankie Otero.

Referees: Bernie Soto, Harry Brennan & Bill Connors.

Attendance: 2,000.

Judges: Mark Schnechner, Mark Conn, Ed Levine & Irv Abrahmson.

Announcer: Allan Toor.

(8-8-87)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ROJAS-LACIAR
WBC Super Flyweight Title

MIAMI, FL.—SANTOS LACIAR'S reign as WBC super flyweight champion proved a brief one as the Argentinian lost his title by unanimous decision over 12 rounds to Colombia's Sugar "Baby" Rojas at the Tamiami Fairgrounds.

Laciar was making his first defense of the title he won by stopping Mexico's Gilberto Roman on cuts last May in France.

Rojas was in complete control, winning by scores of 119-109, 118-111 and 117-111, though he was not able to drop Laciar.

Rojas dominated from long range, bombarding Laciar with an assortment of jabs, hooks, uppercuts and rights that had the Argentinian too busy concentrating on defense to inflict much damage, though he did cut Rojas under the right eye in the 11th. Though Laciar blocked much of Rojas' offense, enough got through to keep Rojas comfortably in control.

"I thought Laciar would throw more punches, but he really didn't throw that many," said Rojas.

Rojas, joining countryman Miguel "Happy" Lora as a Colombian titleholder, boosted his record to 30-1-1 with 18 KOs, the loss coming to Martin Vargas in an unsuccessful bid for the Continental American title in 1982. Rojas boxed a draw with Juan Polo Perez in 1985. Laciar fell to 65-7-11.

On the undercard, Argentinian flyweight Adrian Roman knocked out Mexico's Juan Garcia in 2:57. Roman was decked early after sampling a right, but he came back to floor Garcia three times before referee Eddie Eckert called a halt. Roman is 38-16-6, with Garcia standing 28-13-2.

Orlando bantamweight Jesse Williams upped his record to 9-3 with a unanimous eight-round decision over Miami's Edgar Muniz, who fell to 21-9.

Unbeaten junior welterweight Angel Sanchez ran his winning streak to seven with a six-round verdict over Nicaragua's Paco Jiminez, who dropped to 11-4.

Venezuelan Willie Gutierrez made his pro debut brief, knocking out Morris Neal in 2:17. Neal is 0-2.

Promoter: Promotora Antillano Championship Group.

Matchmaker: Rick Encinosa.

Attendance: 3,000.

Referees: Abraham Garcia, Ismael Falu & George Bellsco.

(8-8-87)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ESPARRAGOZA-ARANDA
World Featherweight Title

HOUSTON, TEXAS—AS ANtonio Esparragoza emerged from his dressing room sur-

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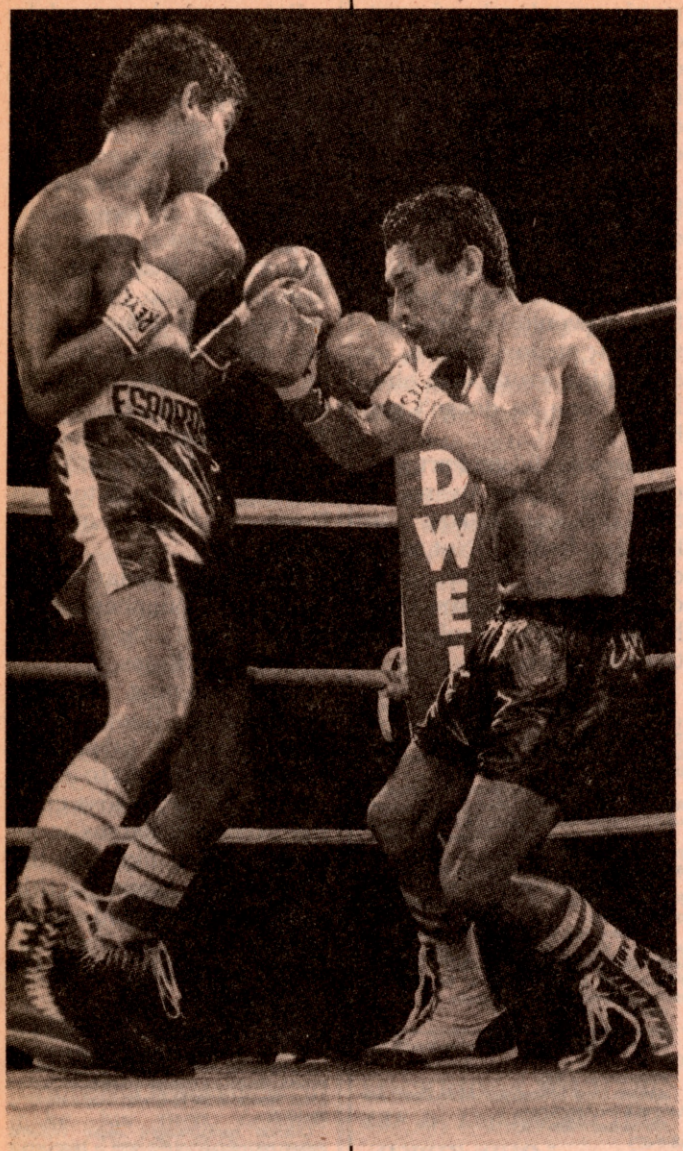


Venezuelan Antonio Esparragoza (left) buckles challenger Pascual Aranda's knees during a furious exchange which ended with Aranda on the canvas. Esparragoza retained his world featherweight title with a 10th-round knockout.

rounded by his Venezuelan entourage, it marked the first time in five years Houston boxing fans were prepared to witness a world title fight on their turf.

The last time was back in 1982 when then heavyweight king Larry Holmes drew 8,000 (including Howard Cosell) to the Astrodome to watch him pummel Tex Cobb for 15 rounds.

Kudos for this achievement goes to promoter David Marquez for his determination to bring boxing out of the doldrums and into new heights of success in the Houston area. With Marquez's M.B.E. Promotions and Josephine Abercrombie's H.B.A., the revival of boxing here should now be on the right track to a successful future.

The only obstacle in the way, at least for now, seems to be the lack of a local "star" with the talent to challenge a legitimate champion. The few who enjoy that status perform mostly for audiences miles away in other cities.

Pascual Aranda is one aspiring "star" who came up short on talent, but long on heart as he courageously attempted to brawl away the world featherweight title from future superstar Esparragoza in a scheduled 15-rounder.

If Stevie Cruz's slickness isn't enough, and Aranda's heavy doses of mauling doesn't cut the mustard, what will it take to tame this 27-year-old South American with the cat-like quickness? Maybe Azumah Nelson, but probably "Father Time," unless there's a featherweight Sugar Ray lurking out there somewhere.

Against Aranda, Esparragoza, who weighed 125½, displayed an air-tight defense, blocking almost everything thrown at him, and there was plenty.

After a painfully slow opening round, the two went to work in Round Two with Aranda, 125, doing his best work while pinning Esparragoza on the ropes. However, the champion wisely chose to allow his foe to work hard in the first half, slipping and blocking an avalanche of punches. Then, Esparragoza took over the second half, consistently stunning Aranda. A cut over Aranda's eye was evident following Esparragoza's first meaningful attack.

By the middle rounds, Esparragoza had his timing down, resulting in beautiful counterpunches and quick combinations to the head and body of Aranda. Aranda, through it all, never backed off, showing why his friends have nicknamed him the "Macho Man."

Aranda was able to capture the seventh round with his most effective body work of the fight, pinning Esparragoza against the ropes most of the round. The next few innings saw a more mobile Esparragoza roll off the ropes and fire short, six-inch hooks to the head of a dazed Aranda.

By the 10th round, the "Macho Man" had become the "Smart Man," and, following a furious exchange that dropped Aranda in his corner, the challenger shook his head no as he looked up into the eyes of the champion. WBA referee Lou Moret of Los Angeles waved it over at the 2:36 mark.

"My mouth was full of blood, it was time to stop it," said a disappointed Aranda. "I said, 'no more' after he hit me in the 10th because I knew he was going to hurt me more and more."

Esparragoza was virtually unmarked as he celebrated his first successful defense since knocking out Cruz in the 12th round in Fort Worth to win his world championship.

"He was a very strong fighter and brought the fight to me," said Esparragoza through his interpreter. "Whenever he would tire and slow down, I would become more aggressive. I knew that sooner or later he would tire and drop his hands, and that was the opportunity I was looking for."

Esparragoza showed interest in a meeting with Barry McGuigan, one which could make him much more than the $100,000 he was paid for meeting Aranda. He also expressed a desire to meet WBC champ Azumah Nelson in the near future.

"I'll take a little time off, rest up my left hand, which I just hurt, and then go for McGuigan or Nelson," said the world champion.

San Antonio promoter Rich Lander brought his local hotshot, Ralph Reyes, 126, to Houston to TKO touted undefeated prospect David Moreno, 124½, at 2:16 of the fourth of a scheduled eight-rounder. Moreno was completely overwhelmed by the raw power of Reyes, going down once in Round One and twice in Round Two. After coming back and winning Round Three, the gutsy Moreno was floored again in the fourth with a counter left hook to the head, convincing referee Barry Yeats to stop the contest. Reyes is an impressive 9-0 with eight KOs, while Moreno fell to 8-1, six

wins coming by knockout.

Capri Lipkin, 128, Rosenberg, Texas, won a technical decision over Houstonian John Boyd, 127, after a collision of heads produced a two-inch gash over Lipkin's left eye in Round Four of a scheduled eight. Lipkin was initially upset at the stoppage and put on a show-stopping temper tantrum complete with a world-class backflip to show his displeasure. Referee, Robby Gonzales.

Polo Saucedo, 111½, Houston, showed poise and skill in stopping Armando Diaz, 110, Mexico, at 2:57 of the third round. Diaz hit the mat for an eight-count in both rounds two and three before the TKO stoppage. Referee, Yeats.

In a battle of Mexican Nationals, Panfilo Ponce, 124½, won a unanimous decision over Alfonso Maller, 124½, in a solid four-rounder. Referee, Yeats.

Matchmaker: David Marquez.

Physicians: Jorge Guerrero, Parish Bransford & Jorge Jiminez.

WBA judges: Humberto Figueroa, Lucio Fuclando & Samuel Conde.

Timekeeper: Tommy Farris.

Announcer: Gordon Wood.

Judges: Bob Martin, Chuck Burtini & Phil Morrison.

Attendance: 3,000.

(7-26-87)

BILL BOLLING

LORA-AVELAR
WBC Bantamweight Title

MIAMI, FLORIDA—COLOMbian Miguel "Happy" Lora successfully defended his WBC bantamweight title with a sensational stoppage of Mexican contender Antonio Avelar.

The popular Lora won his 27th straight when referee Jose Simon DeLima stopped the scheduled 12-rounder at 2:09 of the fourth.

The champion, a real-life fighting machine, boxed beautifully and, using a powerful left jab, set up the challenger for a barrage of combinations.

A crowd of approximately 5,200 watched as the two battled on a barge at Miami's outdoor Marine Stadium. The barge, though anchored, bobbed up and down as the bout started, and the Venezuelan referee halted action soon after the first bell. The fighters indicated a willingness to continue, and the fight resumed after a brief delay.

The 29-year-old Avelar, who matched Lora's weight of 118 pounds, was the aggressor, stalking Lora from a flat-footed stance while the 26-year-old champion moved and looked to counter. Lora appeared stunned by a right to the head, but held on and came back later in the opening round to rouse the crowd with a solid left hook.

Avelar, warned for a low blow in the first, landed several questionable shots in the second, but Lora was undaunted, scoring well with his jab and countering sharply. Lora's jab continued to score in the third and his left hook was becoming more of a factor as he pounded the plodding Avelar.

Avelar was stubborn, continuing to press forward in the fourth, but a right followed by a left hook stopped him cold and Lora began unleashing both hands rapidly. Avelar wouldn't go down, but he appeared to be defenseless and the action was stopped.

In the semifinal, Mario Miranda, 130, Colombia, successfully defended his NABF junior lightweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over Raphe Sims, 130, Houston, Texas. It was a good fight all the way with Miranda using a long left and straight rights to good advantage throughout. Sims sustained cuts over both eyes but never stopped pressing. The judges scored 116-114, 116-113 and 117-112 for Miranda, who stands 36-3-2. Sims dropped to 21-5.

Colombian lightweight Amancio Castro stopped Cleveland's Nick Parker in the fifth of a scheduled 10. Parker was down twice in the first, twice more in the fourth and again in the fifth.

Freddie Sevilla, 126, Colombia, TKO'd Jaime Castellano, 127, Homestead, when Castellano was unable to come out for the fourth of a scheduled eight.

Jaime Polo, 125½, Colombia, scored a quick TKO over Gabriel Lopez, 125, Puerto Rico. The time was 44 seconds of the first of a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Willie Martinez, Ivette Promotions.

Coordinator: Hank Kaplan.

Referees: Max Parker, Juan Aries, Billy Yoham & Jose Simon DeLima.

Announcer: Ramiro Ortiz.

Attendance: 5,200 (est.).

(7-25-87)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ARREDONDO-HAMADA
WBC Super Lightweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN—ELONGATed Mexican Rene Arredondo impressively recaptured the WBC super lightweight throne as he kept his distance and battered Tsuyoshi Hamada, the defending champ, with left uppercuts and halted him at 0:43 of the sixth round of a scheduled 12-round title bout.

Each tipped the beam at 139¾ pounds, but Arredondo was four inches taller and possessed a 2½-inch reach advantage.

The Japanese lefty Hamada had dethroned Arredondo via a stunning, first-round knockout at the same Kuramae Sumo (Japanese wrestling) Arena July 24, 1986. Hamada swarmed over the then-WBC kingpin with his furious opening attacks and flattened him in 187 seconds. The southpaw kept his title by taking a split, 12-round decision over Ronnie Shields December 2.

The parties of Hamada and Arredondo argued where their rematch would take place due to the option in the contract for the first encounter. Akihiko Honda, the promoter for Hamada, offered $700,000 for total purses and won the bid to stage the rematch in Tokyo. So, Arredondo came here again for a good purse of $175,000.

In the first round, Arredondo responded to the champ's rallies without retreating. His left uppercut to the crouching Hamada was so effective that the champ was reeling back and was almost stunned then and there. Moreover, it opened a gash under Hamada's right eye, and the cut never ceased bleeding until the stoppage. Hamada had to fight a la one-eyed Jack.

Arredondo must have studied his previous setback to Hamada seriously. He fought very cleverly in the second round. Keeping his distance with jabs and lateral movement, he exploded a well-timed right followed by a left hook that had Hamada staggering to the ropes. The Japanese champ was wobbly and narrowly escaped.

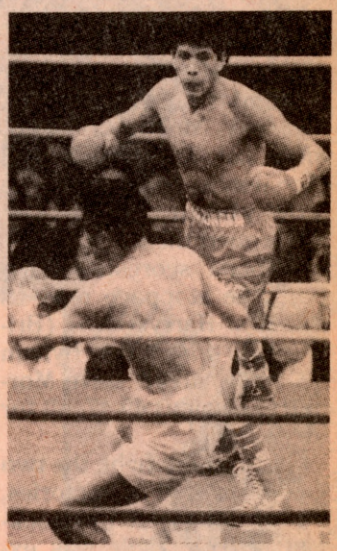
Hamada, however, took the third session, boring in to mix it up with his vaunted body attacks. Arredondo retaliated little and tried to grab the desperate southpaw.

A red ribbon was streaming from Hamada's eye and nose, and, between rounds, he cried to his seconds, "Wash my right eye! Red curtain over me. I cannot see him!"

Hamada was unable to judge the distance between himself and Arredondo, missing roundhouse blows and losing his balance several times. Though Hamada threw more punches than Arredondo, the handsome Mexican was controlling the pace.

In Round Five, Hamada threw his left so wildly that he and Arredondo tumbled to the canvas together. The bleeding was getting worse, and referee Joe Cortez and ringside doctor Yuko Yoshida advised Hamada's corner that the next round would be the last allowed.

In the fatal sixth, Hamada attempted to get close to Arredondo for his coup de grace. But the taller Mexican caught him with a series of left uppercuts to the face, and Hamada appeared helpless and defenseless. Cortez declared a very well-timed



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Rene Arredondo sends Tsuyoshi Hamada reeling into the ropes en route to a sixth-round TKO, regaining the WBC super lightweight crown in Tokyo, Japan.

halt and raised Arredondo's hand.

Some of the estimated 10,000 partisan spectators thought Hamada could have continued and disgracefully threw seat cushions into the ring. But Hamada's handler, Honda, frankly said, "Had not the referee stopped the fight then, I would have been obliged to throw in the towel. Hamada's cut was so bad."

The jubilant victor expressed his joy, saying, "I was perfect. I failed to show my real power in the first fight, so I lost my title. To win back my crown, I kept training 12 months since. Hamada was a hard-punching opponent, very courageous despite his bleeding. I am happy to be able to bring back this championship to Mexico."

The dejected Hamada cooly reflected on his loss, commenting, "In every fight I did my best. I did fight with my whole energy though I lost. I wouldn't excuse it was due to the cuts. I admit my defeat."

The 24-year-old Arredondo raised his credentials to 37-3 with 34 knockouts. Hamada, 26, fell to 21-2 with one no contest and 19 KOs. Arredondo became the sixth junior welterweight titleholder to successfully regain his laurels, following Tony Canzoneri, Dulio Loi, Eddie Perkins, Antonio Cervantes and Saensak Muangsurin. But only Loi, Muangsurin and Arredondo took back the title by beating the man who dethroned them.

Official scoresheets before the stoppage read as follows: Harry Gibbs (Britain) 49-46; Spider Bynam (Nevada) 48-47; Dave Moretti (Nevada) 49-47, all for Arredondo.

Prior to the fight, the two had compiled 59 victories, 54 of which were by knockout. A KO result was expected to be inevitable. And, it was Rene Arredondo's night.

Promoter: Akihiko Honda's Teiken Promotions.
WBC Witness: Gabriel Penagricano (Puerto Rico).
Matchmaker: Pol Tiglao (Los Angeles).
Television: Nippon TV in Japan, also televised in Mexico.
Attendance: 10,000 (est.).
(7-22-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

ESPINOZA-VILCHEZ
WBA Jr. Featherweight Title

PHOENIX, AZ—LOUIE ESpinoza's initial defense of the WBA junior featherweight belt turned out a much more difficult assignment than anticipated due greatly to the elusive perseverence of underestimated challenger Manuel Vilchez of Cabimas, Venezuela.

Espinoza, 121, Phoenix, upped his record to 24-1 and managed to notch his 19th KO in the final round of a scheduled 15-rounder that saw the champion frustrated often in his attempts to score with effective crunchers.

Vilchez, 120, entered the bout undefeated in 14 starts and scored first with a high, grazing left. But, he fled for the rest of the night. As the fight progressed, Vilchez showed fine conditioning and defense, though many of the Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum fans who touted Sugar Ray Leonard's similar antics were hissing while watching Vilchez. Vilchez was unfazed as he weaved himself far away from any of Espinoza's potential blasts. Meanwhile, the patient Espinoza followed Vilchez around the ring. Though unable to set himself squarely, Espinoza easily controlled the first five rounds. Vilchez stayed on his toes jabbing and responded to Espinoza's pressure with combinations in retreat. Neither scored much, but by the eighth Espinoza's potent right was landing with increased frequency.

After 10, Espinoza was way ahead on the scorecards, but not so much in command until he landed a solid right that gave him momentum. From then, Espinoza was able to get leverage, and he began trapping Vilchez in corners as the challenger showed wear and tear from the battle. In the end, Espinoza fought at a level Vilchez just couldn't match.

Vilchez did his best to get to the last bell, and almost made it. But the crowd was howling for a knockout and Espinoza was frantic to please. The champion exploded from his corner for the 15th with both hands blazing and quickly slammed Vilchez into the danger zone. A wicked left plopped the challenger for an eight-count. Vilchez rose slowly, seeking an escape route through glassy eyes, but he found only the ropes where Espinoza rattled him again and again until referee Julio Alvarado stopped it at 1:56.

Espinoza enhanced his popularity as he doffed his carpenter's local cap and took the mike to address the crowd while performing the customary post-fight child hugging.

"This belt is my little boy's, and they're not going to take it away," the champion promised.

Espinoza had been scheduled to face No. 2 WBA contender James Pipps, but Pipps canceled. It appears as if Espinoza took Vilchez to resolve a dispute with former manager David Wolf. Detractors of Espinoza will point to Vilchez' lack of credentials, but Vilchez showed why he came in undefeated and that his Latin American and Venezuelan 122-pound titles do stand for something.

"When guys fight for a title, it changes them," said Espinoza. Espinoza received $30,000 and was unscathed except for a sore hand, and the champion was happy with the night's result.

"I saved too much energy at first, but I felt I'd get him," said Espinoza. "I'm happy the ref jumped in there. He was defenseless and if I settled down and connected he could have been hurt."

Vilchez did not dispute the stoppage or Espinoza's power, saying, "Louie hits like a mule."

Espinoza's trainer Willie Borchert agreed, saying, "There's not a man walking at 122 that can trade with Louie."

In the featured undercard bout, Mike Ayala looked as awesome as he had in his classic battle with Danny "Little Red" Lopez in 1979. Ayala is said to have overcome personal problems to get back into top shape, the proof coming at the expense of Manuel "Gallito" Juarez. Ayala, 44-4, from San Antonio, didn't show or need much except raw power in creaming the apprehensive Juarez, 124, Torreon, Mexico. Juarez, 18-5, never got the chance to shift his cautious stance as Ayala immediately shoved him around the ring. Ayala then landed a hatcheting left body shot that knocked the wind and the fight out of Juarez, who dropped face-first to kiss the beer inscription at mid-ring, where he lay out of breath for minutes after the mugging. It took just 1:49.

Art Blackmore, 131, Mesa, rose to 7-1 after a rough ruckus with Carlos "Angel Baby" Casanova, 132, Tucson, 1-1-1. This was often a barroom-type rumble and, perhaps, the scrap of the card. Blackmore showed more boxing skill, but Casanova might have won if he had punched Blackmore more instead of pausing to scream at Blackmore's manager, Beto Martinez. The result of frequent trades was a split decision for Blackmore. Judges Joe Garcia and Michael Munoz saw it 58-56 for the winner, while Bob Cox favored Casanova. The crowd was also split after the six-rounder, which would be worth seeing set for eight.

Anibal Nieves, Villa Del Curra, Venezuela, 131, became 4-0 after stopping Espinoza stablemate Pete Solarez, 131, at 1:32 of the third of a scheduled six. The shorter Nieves was a darting fireball that lashed up at Solarez, who avoided many punches, but not enough as he slipped to 4-2. The fight was stopped with Solarez cut near the right eye and reeling along the ropes. The local crowd was thirsty and protested as Solarez was still punching back, but Nieves would have ended it soon, anyway.

Steve "Broken Feather" Damon, 175, Scottsdale, made his record 2-0-1 to the discomfort and dismay of willing Jim Hardwick, 179. Both threw hard, but Damon was more accurate, getting the KO at 1:53 of the third of a slated four.

In the night's opener, WBA Continental titlist Roland Gomez, 118, Corpus Christi, got a split call over fellow Texan Jorge Samano, 119, Laredo, in a well-fought eight-rounder. Gomez improved to 14-1, getting the call from Munoz, 78-73, and Cox, 77-75, while Garcia saw it 76-75 for Samano.

Promoter: Champ Productions/Lester Bedford.
Commissioner: John Montano.
Timekeeper: Joe Mendoza.
Attendance: 4,000 (est.).
(7-15-87)

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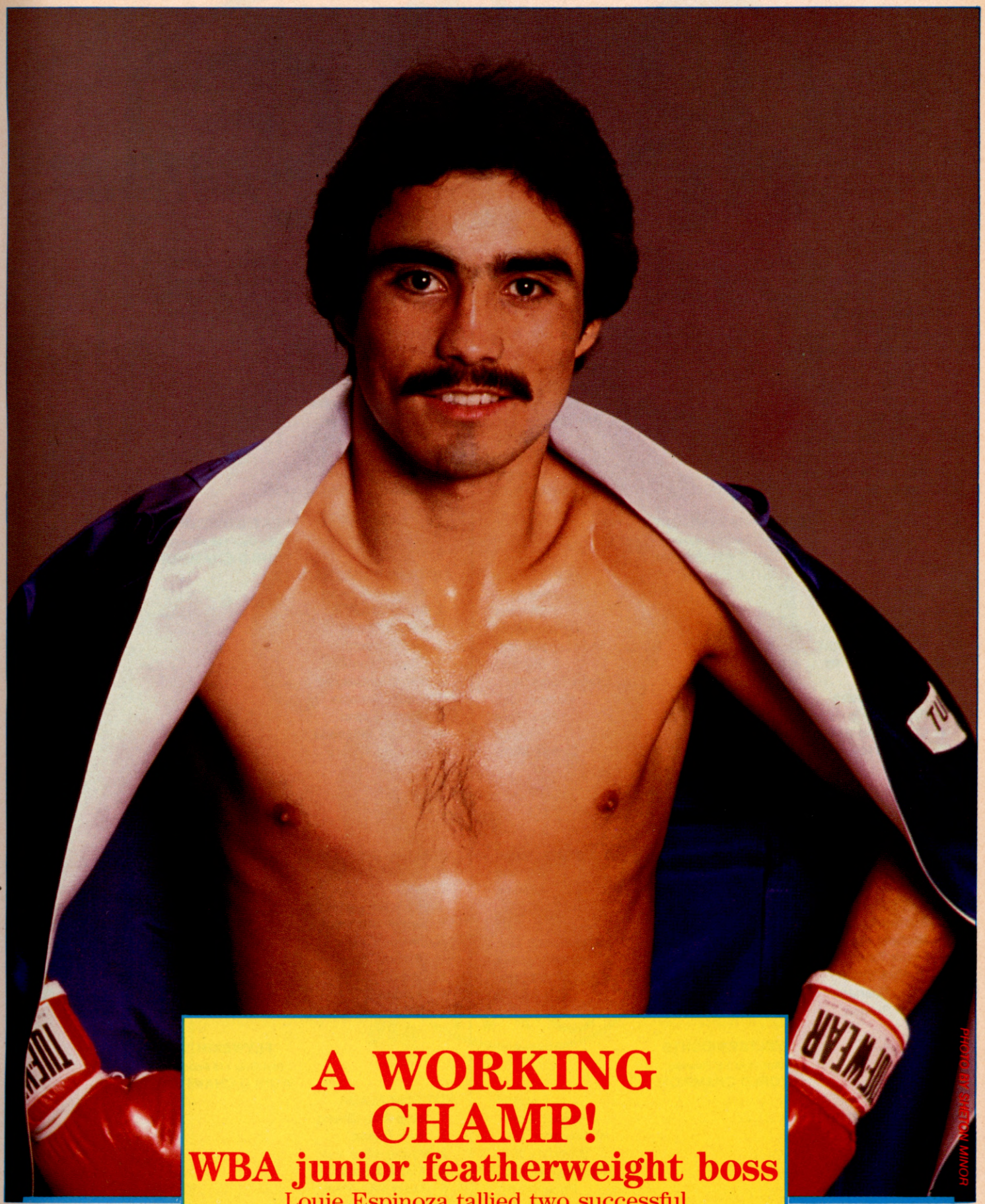

A WORKING CHAMP!

WBA junior featherweight boss

Louie Espinoza tallied two successful title defenses in 30 days.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS	St. Louis, Mo.
1. Mike Tyson	Catskill, N.Y.
2. Evander Holyfield	Atlanta, Ga.
3. Tony Tucker	Grand Rapids, Mich.
4. Pinklon Thomas	Pontiac, Mich.
5. Tim Witherspoon	Philadelphia, Pa.
6. Tyrell Biggs	Philadelphia, Pa.
7. Trevor Berbick	Florida
8. Carl Williams	New York
9. Adilson Rodrigues	Brazil
10. James Smith	Magnolia, N.C.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Bobby Czyz	Wanaque, N.J.
2. Leslie Stewart	Trinidad
3. Thomas Hearns	Detroit, Mich.
4. Marvin Johnson	Indianapolis, Ind.
5. Dennis Andries	England
6. Virgil Hill	Grand Forks, N.D.
7. Ramzi Hassan	Campo, Cal.
8. Eddie Davis	New York
9. Chong-Pal Park	Korea
10. Lindell Holmes	Detroit, Mich.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Marvin Hagler	Brockton, Mass.
2. Michael Olajide	Canada
3. Mike McCallum	Jamaica
4. Iran Barkley	New York, N.Y.
5. Sumbu Kalambay	Italy
6. Michael Nunn	Sherman Oaks, Cal.
7. Frank Tate	Houston, Texas
8. Robbie Sims	Brockton, Mass.
9. Herol Graham	England
10. Juan Roldan	Argentina

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN	England
1. Marlon Starling	Hartford, Conn.
2. Maurice Blocker	Washington, D.C.
3. Mark Breland	Brooklyn, N.Y.
4. Simon Brown	Washington, D.C.
5. Rollin Williams	Phoenix, Az.
6. Juan Martin Coggi	Argentina
7. Tyrone Trice	Detroit, Mich.
8. Rene Arredondo	Mexico
9. Terry Marsh	England
10. Frankie Warren	Corpus Christi, Tx.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Edwin Rosario	Puerto Rico
2. Julio Cesar Chavez	Mexico
3. Vinny Pazienza	Cranston, R.I.
4. Pernell Whitaker	Norfolk, Va.
5. Jose Luis Ramirez	Mexico
6. Meldrick Taylor	Philadelphia, Pa.
7. Frankie Randall	Morristown, Tenn.
8. Greg Haugen	Auburn, Wash.
9. Amancio Castro	Colombia
10. Rocky Lockridge	Mt. Laurel, N.J.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

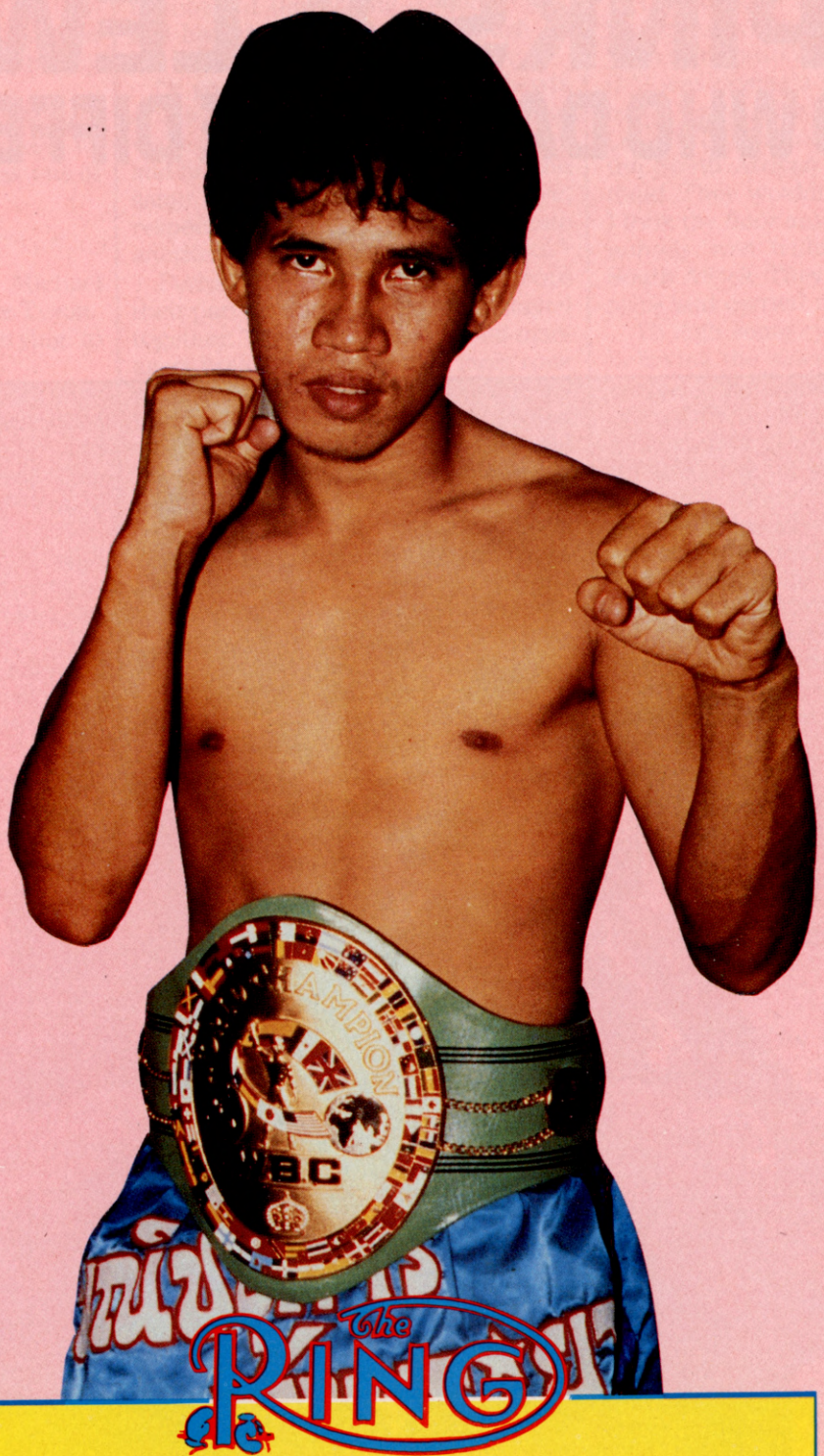
ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA	Venezuela
1. Azumah Nelson	Ghana
2. Steve Cruz	Ft. Worth, Texas
3. Calvin Grove	Coatesville, Pa.
4. Jeff Fenech	Australia
5. Louie Espinoza	Phoenix, Az.
6. Barry McGuigan	Ireland
7. Victor Callejas	Puerto Rico
8. Hector Lopez	Glendale, Cal.
9. Marcos Villasana	Mexico
10. Antonio Rivera	Puerto Rico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Miguel Lora	Colombia
2. Kaosai Galaxy	Thailand
3. Jesus Rojas	Colombia
4. Gaby Canizales	Laredo, Texas
5. Kelvin Seabrooks	Charlotte, N.C.
6. Santos Laciar	Argentina
7. Gilberto Roman	Mexico
8. Chang-Young Park	Korea
9. Frankie Duarte	Venice, California
10. Albert Davila	Pomona, California

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA	Thailand
1. Jung-Koo Chang	Korea
2. Fidel Bassa	Colombia
3. Myung-Woo Yuh	Korea
4. Hilario Zapata	Panama
5. Dodie Penalosa	Philippines
6. Gabriel Bernal	Mexico
7. Rodolfo Blanco	Colombia
8. Rae-Ki Ahn	Korea
9. Paul Gonzales	Los Angeles, Cal.
10. Benedicto Murillo	Panama



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SPINKS & LEWIS
TWO WHO DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

PHOTOS BY WILL HART

by Nigel Collins

WHEN MICHAEL SPINKS WAS A YOUNGster, guys at the gym used to laugh at the clumsy way he tripped over his big feet in the ring.

When Butch Lewis played Midget Football as a kid in New Jersey, he used to try and talk the zebras out of penalties.

Some things have changed.

Some things have not.

Nobody is laughing at Michael Spinks anymore. Not even Mike Tyson.

But Butch Lewis is still trying to buck the system.

Boxing has always made strange bedfellows, but Lewis and Spinks just might be the most successful odd couple the game has ever produced. Their personalities are as different as Don King and Bob Arum.

Butch is a charming popinjay with brains and a load of bull as long as Ernie Terrell's jab. He's outspoken, audacious and often outrageous.

Michael is Mr. Mellow. He's so laid back and understated, you have to remind yourself he's the heavyweight champion of the world.

Despite their superficial differences, the chemistry works. They make a great team. As Butch likes to say, "Mike does the fighting and I do his bragging for him." However, their relationship goes a lot deeper than that. The closer you look, the more you realize how much they have in common.

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Lewis and Spinks are boxing mavericks. They've gone against the grain, unafraid to do it their way. Michael beat the odds with his spastic fighting style and became the first light heavyweight champion to win the heavyweight title. Butch has gone toe-to-toe with practically every powerful member of the boxing establishment and has usually managed to finish on his feet.

"It goes beyond boxing," said Lewis of his affiliation with Spinks. "It's like we're two guys who met in the Army and have spent 10 years together in the same foxhole. There's a certain love, respect and loyalty. We look to one another to cover each other's backs."

Perhaps the most unique thing about their partnership is that they've stayed together. These days, boxers and managers break up quicker than most rock groups. But despite Butch's seemingly helter-skelter way of doing business, they've made millions together and Michael has complete confidence in his mentor.

"I guess it started when I first knew Butch," Spinks told *The Ring*. "We always hit it off a lot better than you might expect. When I came out of the Olympics, he came to St. Louis and we went to a club together. We talked it out, went back and forth a few times before I finally signed (a pro contract) with him. Butch has always stuck with me and kept his word. I guess I'm not too bad of a judge of character."

It hasn't always been easy.

"We had bad days when we could have used a payday, but I turned it down because I didn't think it was the right fight for Mike at the time," Lewis said. "That's probably why his confidence in me is so strong. Michael knows I won't sell him out. When NBC wanted Michael to fight Larry Holmes in April of '85 and I turned them down, they thought I was trying to get a bigger purse. But that wasn't it. We needed more time to prepare ... so Michael could *win*."

While Spinks has continued to confound many so-called experts with his success in the heavyweight ranks; Lewis has been almost as busy ruffling feathers as he has been guiding Michael's career. He's crossed gloves with Bob Arum, Don King, Baron Hilton, NBC, HBO, and most of the Alphabet Boys. Some issues surrounding Butch and Michael's abrupt exit from the HBO Heavyweight World Series still have to be settled in court.

"I'm only doing what a lot of people in the industry have longed to do for years," said Lewis. "I'm not afraid to step up and take a stand. I never ran from too much anyways. If I think I'm right, you'll have to carry me out."

According to Butch, one time they had to carry him out was at the 1982 WBA convention in Puerto Rico.

"I was raising a lot of hell," remembered Lewis. "I was trying to get Bob Lee elected. I also wanted to challenge the South African members on apartheid. They wouldn't let me speak, so I took the floor anyway and asked why nobody was willing to stand up to South Africa. They grabbed me by the arms and carried me out."

Though some cynics have difficulty believing the sincerity of Lewis' campaign against apartheid, Spinks is not one of them. Neither is the NAACP, which honored both boxer and promoter this year for their work in behalf of human rights.

Spinks has also done a lot of extracurricular work on himself which had nothing to do with hooks and jabs. Naturally shy, Michael has grown from a hesitant and bashful public speaker into a real smoothy, often revealing a goofy, yet subtle, sense of humor. But he had to work at it and it took a long time to mature.

"Early on in our relationship we discussed the importance of grabbing the attention of the press and public," recalled Lewis. "I told Michael that boxing is entertainment, a form of show business. A boxer is supposed to be braggadocio, macho. Michael tried to lend himself to it for about a minute, but it just doesn't suit him. He said he wasn't comfortable. So I said, 'Well, let's forget it. Be yourself.' And he still became the highest paid light heavyweight champion of all times!"

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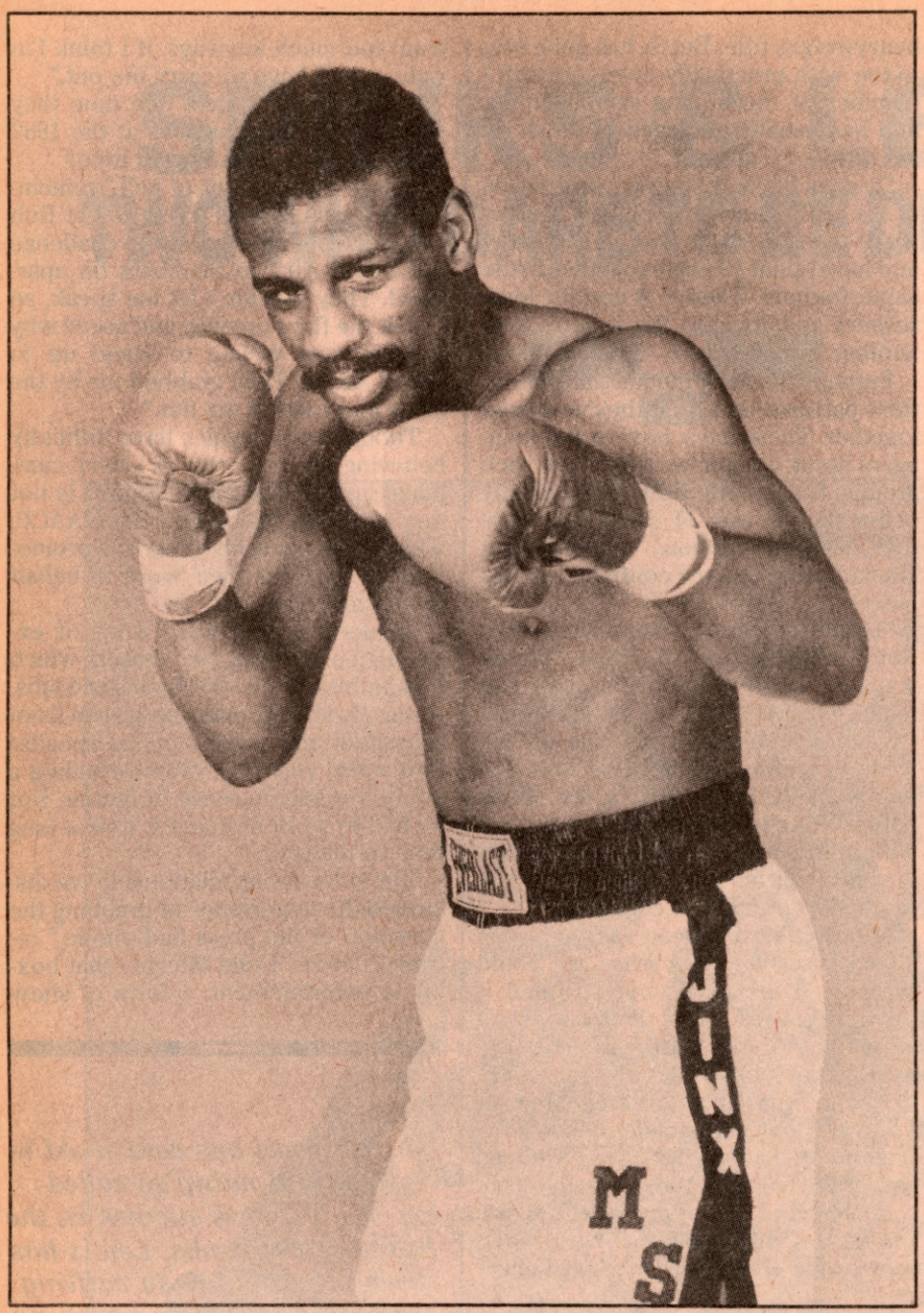
What Spinks did feel comfortable



Michael Spinks' boxing credits include an Olympic gold medal, both the light heavyweight and heavyweight world championships and an undefeated professional record of 31-0 with 21 KOs.

with was taking dictionaries and other study aids to training camp, giving his brain a workout when he wasn't honing his body. He'll never be mistaken for William F. Buckley, or Muhammad Ali for that matter. But he's as fine a representative of the sport as boxing has today. While Lewis has his detractors, it's hard to find somebody with a bad word to say about Spinks.

There are certainly those who question Butch's wisdom concerning Michael's plight as a champion without a bunch of letters in front of his name and a governing body to hold his hand. Some think Spinks and Lewis have painted (make that punched) themselves into a corner. Though Spinks holds the legitimate title, the Alphabet Boys are not the only ones he's on the outs with.

Now that Butch has alienated himself from boxing's power structure, where can he turn for a lucrative match?

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Spinks-Cooney bout, closed circuit retailers are not about to take a chance on a Spinks match right now unless Tyson is standing in the other corner, gloved and ready to rumble. And as we all know, Tyson, as well as his co-managers Bill Cayton and Jim Jacobs, have repeatedly said Spinks is "not in our plans."

Butch and Michael can also forget about getting their hands on any more HBO greenbacks in the near future. Though one should never say never—especially in boxing—the odds of Spinks boxing on HBO soon are roughly equivalent to those of Hector Camacho running out of sequins.

Of course, Butch can hardly turn to his old buddy, King. The blood spilled during their short-lived run as the "Dynamic Duo" is still fresh enough to attract a school of piranha.

While Showtime is taking dead aim at HBO's cable market, its budget is not in the same league. So, what's left?

Lewis claims ABC has offered a prime time slot against an opponent to be named. He also said there are offers to box Joe "I'm Just Glad To Be Here" Bugner in Australia or the winner of the scheduled Anders Eklund-Francesco Damiani skirmish. Not exactly the most appetizing menu, but they've got to eat.

Needless to say, Lewis would quickly scrap any contingency plans if the Tyson camp has a change of heart.

"If we could get together with Tyson's people and sign for a fight by Spring of '88, I'd forget about anything

in between," said Lewis. "Spring is the perfect time because we'd be up against the Olympics in the summer and the Games would get all the ink.

"Spinks and Tyson would have to generate at least $10 million each," continued Butch. "It's a fight that's gone beyond boxing. It's what I call a barbershop fight. You go into any barbershop in the country and they're talking about Tyson vs. Spinks."

Boxing has always taken a bizarre path, but when was the last time The Ring's heavyweight champion had to chase the No. 1 contender?

Jacobs, who feels Tyson's accomplishments are sometimes taken for granted, scoffs at such talk.

"Butch Lewis will never promote a Mike Tyson fight, which makes a Tyson-Spinks fight impossible. There are incredible legal problems," said Jacobs. "Bill Cayton and I went to great lengths to try and stop Spinks from dropping out of the HBO series. We dearly wanted to fight Spinks. Now, the legal difficulties are vast and varied."

Would it upset Spinks if a Tyson fight never came to pass?

"I could live with it. It wouldn't bother me that much," Spinks said. "I'm in no hurry to get in there with a big strong guy like Tyson, but it would mean a lot of money for both of us. You tell Mike to slow down. If he stops running from me, we can get it on."

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From a financial point of view, Spinks needs Tyson more than Tyson needs Spinks. Or as Jacobs prefers to put it, "Tyson doesn't need Spinks, period!"

However, what if the public begins to feel Tyson is avoiding Spinks? Would "Iron Mike's" popularity suffer? This, more than cold cash, may motivate the showdown boxing fans most want to see. Defending one's honor might not weigh as heavily on a boxer's mind as the size of his purse, but it still means a lot in boxing. Besides, Tyson is so good he's bound to eventually get bored fighting lesser talents.

Anyway you look at it, Spinks and Lewis took a calculated risk when they pulled out of the HBO heavyweight tournament. Maybe it will backfire on them, maybe not. But then, they've always dared to be different. Together they've already pulled off a number of stunts less-adventuresome heads claimed were impossible.

They may be boxing's version of the Beastie Boys to outsiders, but to Butch and Michael, they're just doing what comes naturally. □

Promoter Butch Lewis shows off his trademark, no-shirt look for the camera. Lewis has guided Spinks' pro career from the start, helping him become the first light heavyweight champion to win the heavyweight title.

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ARIZONA

▶**TUCSON—Holidome**—Nicky "Nico" Perez, 132, 61-7, regained much of his previously missing sharpness as the proverbial third time prevailed in his latest comeback endeavor. But there was nothing charming about it for rugged Davey Montana, 134, now 18-7 from Reno. Montana had cliché counter combos ricocheting off his determined face all night long as Perez smartly boxed his way to a unanimous decision over 10 rounds. This was Perez's third bout in less than 10 weeks (after a three-year retirement), and tonight the cocoon finally cracked.

Montana made a decent fight of it, but landed only sporadic and rarely effective shots. He pursued Perez from first to final bell, but Perez liked that in a matador's way. As Montana came in, Perez used jabs and cross uppercuts, then Perez would back off with a flurry. The little leather hurricanes soon made Montana look sunburned, and by the eighth round both Montana's eyes were stuck in wink. Each round was much the same. The high humidity saw both pouring sweat as they often slipped or slid around the canvas. The final two frames had the crowd screaming as Perez tried to put icing on his night with an early ending and Montana tried hard for the knockout he needed to win. Both showed consistent sportsmanship though Montana lost a point for low blows in his enthusiasm to get inside. In scoring, Ron Meyer and Gerald Maltz saw it 96-93 for Perez, Joe Garcia and *Ring* had the winner up 97-92.

"I felt great," a tranquil Perez mused after the fight. "It's getting to be like the old times." Such days may return as promoter Gil Mariscal promises to secure Perez a shot at his old NABF Belt, currently worn by Mario Miranda. Montana's game performance was also appreciated by the crowd, which cheered when it was announced he would fight here again. "I hoped I could catch him," said Montana. Father Time might be thinking the same, but for tonight Perez left them both in the warm desert air.

In another featured contest, Harold Romero, 136½, Santa Fe, now 11-7-1, racked up his seventh knockout, stopping Daniel Perez, 129, El Paso, now 12-3, at 1:02 in the fourth of a set 10. The outweighed Perez fought well, but Romero hammered him from the start. Romero had been landing with many bricks every round, then boloed in with an exploding right uppercut that stunned Perez and caused ref Ron Meyers to properly call the curtain.

Ray "El Gigante" Gastelum, 137½, increased his stature to 9-0 with a hard-earned TKO over Armando Dominguez, 134½, 12-4 from Phoenix. Local favorite Gastelum scored his impressive eighth stoppage, but Dominguez was not far behind when the end came. As the fight began, Dominguez had enough firepower to offset Gastelum's timing and strength, but Gastelum's rhythm improved with every hard pop he landed. Dominguez seemed doomed to an endless shelling which he fought too well to deserve when it was called at 1:24 of the seventh of 10. Both young men were well poised while throwing many blows and the crowd liked this tussle, many standing in safe approval.

Luis Coronado, 119½, Douglas Az, now 5-1 gained a majority decision over Rodrigo "Ligo" Gonzales, 118, Tucson. Gonzales has been on the short end of both his pro outings, but no record book can reflect tough courage like his anyway. This fine encounter was four tough sessions of mutual bruising, with the difference coming in the second round when Coronado blasted Gonzales down with each hand for a pair of four-counts. Gonzales was in deep trouble but bravely came back to make it close by the end.

The scrap of the card was a whapathon between Steve "Broken Feather" Damon, 178, Scotsdale, and Roger Mills, 179½, Tucson. Damon rose to 3-0-1, handing Mills a debut defeat with a dramatic knockout. But Mills gave a crowd-rousing account of himself, always putting on the pressure, even more when he was hurt. They exchanged solid hooks from the opening bell for almost 2½ minutes until Damon put Mills down with a left. Mills swarmed right back up with his own stunning left, then the two flailed away until the bell. Both were drained but started right up again in the second and did not let up. The timekeeper's hammer struck the same second a short left by Damon introduced Mills to oblivion. Mills swandived into his corner and bashed his head on the turnbuckle. He remained bent in half toward the audience, unable to gather his senses long after a minute had passed. It goes into the books: TKO third.

"Joltin'" Joey Quinlan, 116¼, Tucson, 3-1, repeated his previous performance with another unanimous four-round call over Carlos Valenzuela, Douglas, 115, is now 0-2. Valenzuela got another chance and gave it a good try, but the two bantamweight sluggers have the same aggressive style and at this point Quinlan has it down better.

A quality affair opened the night as Pablo Montano, 136, Tucson, upped his stats to 5-2 with a pounding of Derek Cuttino, 136, Tucson, now 7-11. Cuttino's record is deceiving and this was another good duking. Both fighters stood and fought the same, dressed in red with white stripes, but Montano had the better side of the mirror. He put Cuttino down for seven with two chopping rights in the second, then landed a picture-perfect right hook that was thrown from Mexico early in the third. Ref Ron Meyer let the protesting Cuttino take one more right to the body before he correctly stopped it at 36 seconds of the third.

The quality of recent cards in Tucson has been exceptional due mainly to the fact that whatever his stature or wage, each fighter has been giving his best. The efforts of the Tucson Boxing Association help lead to such things through first-rate provisions to the contestants and their camps and in the end, everyone benefits. Not content to just fill their outdoor arena, fight cards are now being broadcast (delayed) over local cable. The group deserves applause for bringing a quality boxing scene to a widening audience.

Timekeeper: Joe Mendoza.
Commission: John Montano.
Physician: Dr. Arthur Martinez.
Attendance: 2,000.
(7-31-87)

PHIL WOOLEVER

CALIFORNIA

▶**OAKLAND—Kaiser Convention Center**—Hometown favorite Manny Hernandez pounded out a unanimous decision over Sterling McPherson despite receiving three serious cuts that turned him into a bloody mess over the last half of the 10-round main event. McPherson 143½, from Las Vegas, was a last-day substitute for Davey Montana, and he put up a good fight but ended up winning less rounds than he did in opening cuts.

Hernandez, 140½, from Oakland, improved his record to 19-5, and though cut under the right eye in the second round, along the left eyebrow in the fourth, and under the nose in the fifth, he held himself together and ended up the winner on scorecards of 98-91, 98-92 and 99-91. A courageous fighter, Hernandez lost a 10-round decision to Jose Luis Ramirez two years ago and could prove himself by meeting either comebacking Andy Nance or Felix Gonzalez, bouts with local fighters that would attract a lot of customers.

In a 10-rounder, David Gonzales, 138, from San Jose, romped to a one-sided decision win over tough Joey Olivera, 138, from Los Angeles. Just 18 years old, Gonzales, originally from Texas, is a pleasure to watch. Now 14-1-1, Gonzales is one of those talented fighters that makes you wonder why the networks fall in love with gold medal winners!

Gonzales dropped Olivera twice in the eighth but failed to seriously hurt his rock-chinned opponent either time. One scorecard read 99-90, the two others had it 100-89.

In a six-round opening bout between welterweights, Bruce Pearson, 148, San Diego, won a clear-cut decision over Chauncey Hayes, 149, from San Francisco. Pearson, 8-1-1, won a bruising fight but was just too much for Hayes to keep up with.

Promoter: H & W Productions.
Attendance: 1,000 (est.).
(8-19-87)

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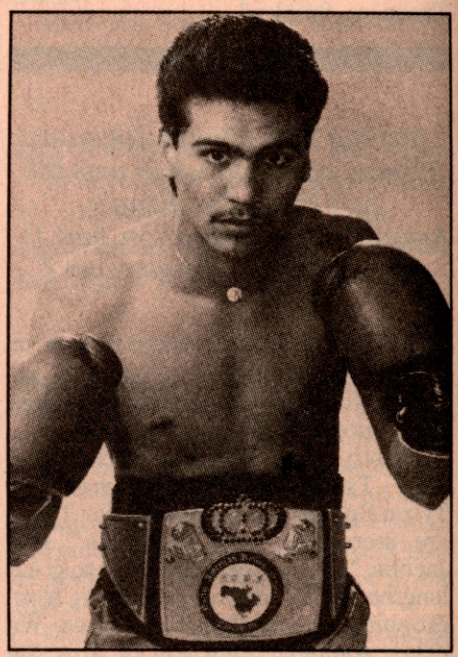

Paul Gonzales, making his first start in nearly a year, climbed off the floor to score a unanimous 10-round decision over Lucilo Nolasco in Inglewood.

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Olympic Gold Medalist Paul Gonzales, 114½, Los Angeles, never fully recovered from a late first-round knockdown, but he still won a unanimous 10-round decision over aggressive switchhitter Lucilo Nolasco, 115, Los Angeles. Gonzales (6-0), inactive for nearly a year because of injuries, certainly needed the work. He was hit hard and went down in the fourth (referee Lou Filippo ruled it a slip) and lost a point for rabbit punching Nolasco (7-7-2) in the sixth. But the hero of the 1984 Games used jabs and combination punches to win every other round. Scoring: Dick Young 96-92; John Thomas 95-94; Larry Rozadilla 98-92.

Felipe Canela, 147, Alhambra, knocked out Roman George, 145½, Lafayette, Louisiana, with an overhand right to the chin in 1:06 of the third of a scheduled 10-round Forum Welterweight Tournament elimination bout. George (19-3-1) was counted out on his back by referee Thomas. Former California welterweight champion Canela is 25-6-3.

Baby-faced right-hand bomber Rico Velasquez, 132, McAllen, Texas, flattened California favorite Rocky Cazares, 132, Blythe, in 54 seconds of the second of a scheduled 10. Velasquez (12-4) had destroyed previously unbeaten Boyd Trahan with the same punch two months earlier. Cazares fell to 15-3-1. Robert Byrd, referee.

Lionel Washington, 215, Bakersfield, wore down and stopped much shorter Rodney Stockton, 191, Los Angeles, in 1:02 of the fourth of an entertaining scheduled six. Discouraged by his inability to hurt the bigger Washintgon (4-1), Stockton (2-1) took the full 10 from referee Rozadilla.

Ruben Maldonado, 127, Los Angeles, who was winless in eight professional fights, unanimously outpointed Wes Smith, 126, Los Angeles, four. Maldonado was down in the first, but rallied to drop Smith (0-1-1) in the second and fourth. Scoring: Filippo 38-35; Young 38-35; Byrd 37-36. Caiz, referee.

Daryl Colquitt, 146½, Los Angeles, and Norman Gabourel, 148, Los Angeles, drew in a very dull four. Caiz, referee.

Physician: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Promoter: Jerry Buss.
(7-7-87)

▶**RIVERSIDE—Raincross Square**—California champions Alphonso Long, 145½, Riverside, and Derrick Kelly, 146, Inglewood, fought to a 12-round draw. Long retaining his California welterweight championship. The quicker Long (20-6-1) controlled

the early rounds with jabs and movement and it seemed that he had done enough to win. Super welterweight titleholder Kelly has a 16-1-2 record. Scoring: Robert Byrd 119-109 Long; Lou Moret 115-114 Kelly; Rozadilla 115-115. Vince Delgado, referee.

Paul Banke, 124, Blythe, was successful in his 10-round debut, holding off the late rally of Hector Lizarraga, 125, Fresno, to win unanimously. Lizarraga (5-7-3) was angered by the decision, but was hurt by his lack of early aggression. The victory qualifies Banke (10-2) for a shot at the California title. Scoring: Moret 98-93; Byrd 98-92; Delgado 97-94. Rozadilla, referee.

Gilbert Baptist, 154, San Diego, impressively pounded Roberto Rosiles, 157, Blythe, not losing a round, six. The sharp punches of Baptist (6-5) brought a constant flow of blood from the nose of Rosiles (7-2-1). Moret, referee.

Ramiro Garcia, 110, Mexicali, won a hard-fought four-round split decision over Sammy Espinosa, 113, Riverside. Garcia (4-1) won because of aggression and volume of punches. Scoring: Byrd 39-37 Espinosa; Moret 40-36 Garcia; Delgado 39-38 Garcia. Tony Guitron, referee.

Winless Joel Gonzalez, 144, Los Angeles, and Roger Carillo, 140, Corona, drew four. Carillo (1-1-2) was headed for a clear win until he was floored in the final seconds. Scoring: Rozadilla 38-37 Gonzales; Guitron and Moret 38-38. Byrd, referee.

Promoter: Bill Nasto.
Physician: Dr. Michael Deluca.
Timekeeper: Willie Arriola.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Ernesto Fuentes.
(7-15-87)

▶**SAN DIEGO-El Cortez Hotel**—Unbeaten (10-0) Ricky Romero, 111½, Carson, worked behind a pumping left jab to win unanimously over Jose Quirino, 113, Tijuana, eight. Quirino is unbeaten in 16 fights in Mexico, but is winless in two U.S. starts. Scoring: Fritz Werner 78-75; Pat Russell 79-74; Gwen Adair 78-74. Rudy Jordan, referee.

L.J. Canty, 154, San Diego, twice floored Joaquin Martinez, 155, San Ysidro, for a stoppage in 1:45 of the second of a scheduled four between ex-stablemates. Werner, referee.

Drafton Bunch, 160, San Diego, came up with a big left hook to KO Robert Jackson, 160, Los Angeles, in 1:45 of the fourth of a scheduled five. Referee Werner counted out the stricken Jackson.

Teenager Manuel Medina, 128, Tijuana, was a busy unanimous four-round winner over Martin Juarez, 128, San Diego. Scoring: Hal Rickards 40-36; Jordan 39-37; Werner 40-36. Russell, referee.

Hard-working Abe Gomez, 128½, Arleta, unanimously outgamed puncher Lonnie Bryant, 128¾, San Diego, over four excellent rounds. Scoring: Rickards 40-37; Jordan 39-37; Russell 40-36. Adair, referee.

Jose Hernandez, 118½, Escondido, was fortunate to win a four-round majority decision over Martin Rios, 116, San Diego. Scoring: Werner 38-38; Russell and Rickards 39-38. Adair, referee.

Promoter: Bob Dephilippis.
Matchmaker: Eric Bonilla.
Physician: Dr. William Lundeen.
Announcer: Ernie Swanks.
Timekeeper: Willie Arriola.
(7-16-87)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Seven-foot, 279-pound Mike White, Long Beach, unanimously outpointed California heavyweight champion Dee Collier, 218, Los Angeles, in a non-title 10. The surprisingly agile White (18-7-1) pushed the 6'4" but dwarfed Collier (10-7) off with left jabs and piled up points with combinations. Collier, tired and ready to quit from the fourth, was out on his feet at the final bell. Scoring: Chuck Hassett 99-92; Gwen Adair 98-92; Raul Caiz 98-94. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

John Clouden, 134¾, Los Angeles, won the fifth and final round and a one-point unanimous decision over Ruben Proa, 134¾, Chula Vista. Clouden (7-1) has talent, but has a tendency toward showmanship rather than fighting. Proa (7-9) is attempting a comeback under new management. Scoring: Caiz 48-47; Hassett 49-46; Jen-Kin 48-47. Adair, referee.

Mike Ruelas, 148, Montclair, reversed a previous cut eye TKO loss with a five-round unanimous decision over Fumi Kuraoka, 148, Huntington Beach. Scoring: Hassett 49-46; Caiz 48-47; Jen-Kin 48-47. Adair, referee.

Kenny Wyatt, 128, Los Angeles, controversially won an eight-round split decision over all-action trier Henry Lugo, 128, San Jose. Southpaw Wyatt (8-1-1) scored a fifth-round knockdown, but Lugo (7-6) was in charge going into the final round. But Lugo foolishly lost a point when he grabbed Wyatt in a head-lock, then incredibly reached behind his own back to rabbit punch Wyatt. Scoring: Adair 76-74 Wyatt; Jen-Kin 77-74 Lugo, Hassett 76-75 Wyatt. Caiz, referee.

Raul Gonzalez, 139¾, Pasadena, won a four-round majority decision over Jose Jimenez, 138½, Los Angeles, in a hastily arranged show opener. Scoring: Adair 38-38; Jen-Kin 39-38; Hassett 39-37. Caiz, referee.

Promoter: Don Fraser.
Physicians: Dr. Michael Deluca & Dr. Mario Ficarola.
Timekeeper: Phil Carreon.
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
Matchmaker: John Cabrera.
(7-27-87)

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Primo Ramos, 135, Durango, stopped Forum lightweight champion Yogi Buchanan, 136, Berkley, Missouri, referee Lou Moret counting out Buchanan in 57 seconds of the fourth of a schedule non-title 10. Ramos (31-5) had lost two of the first three rounds when he nailed Buchanan (17-5-1) with a perfectly timed right hand.

Luis Santana, 147, Los Angeles, looked good in halting Ali Salaam, 146½, Detroit, who was counted out by referee Rudy Jordan in 2:14 of the ninth of a scheduled 10-round Forum Welterweight Tournament eliminator. Salaam (9-4-1), a boxer and mover, used his reach to win rounds one, three and eight. But Santana (31-6-1) applied constant pressure, flooring Salaam in the sixth before chopping him down with a right in the ninth.

Derwin Richards, 147, Houston, had to survive two first-round knockdowns to advance in The Forum Welterweight Tournament by stopping George Leach, 146, Washington, D.C., in 40 seconds of the second of a scheduled 10. Richards (16-3-1), fighting at welterweight for the first time, was saved by the bell ending the first and he was still wobbly in the second. But Leach (11-6) ran into a right and went down heavily. Leach was up at three, but referee John Thomas did not take up a count as he did when he gave Richards a chance to recover in the opening round.

Popular Vicente Gonzalez, 128, Cudahy, overwhelmed Amos Cowart, 126, Las Vegas, in 1:52 of the third of a scheduled six. Referee Pat Connolly stopped it with Cowart (4-1) down for the second time. Gonzalez improved to 5-3-2.

Lawrence Caver, 140, Los Angeles, and Derrick Hudson, 140, Bakersfield, drew, four, but many thought Caver (5-4-1) had done enough to outpoint the shorter Hudson (7-10-2). Scoring: Moret 40-36 Caver: Connolly and Dick Young 38-38.

Delfino Marin, 143, Las Vegas, was too classy and busy for loser Joel Gonzalez, 142, Huntington Park, clearly winning a unanimous decision, four. Connolly, referee.

Javier Macias, 124, Burbank, destroyed comebacking James Alger, 129, Ontario with a left hook in 1:13 of the first of a scheduled four. Vince Delgado, referee.

Promoter: Jerry Buss.
Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Robert Karns.
Timekeepers: Ernie Snow & Aaron Koslow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
(7-27-87)

▶**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Russell Mitchell, 149½, Bakersfield, unanimously outpointed Harvey Hester, 149½, Las Vegas, 10. Hester (21-2) came to fight but was hampered by recent inactivity and a cut eye. Mitchell (11-9-2) won every round but the first and scored a fourth-round knockdown. Scoring: Kenny Davis 100-87; Robert Byrd 99-89; Rudy Jordan 99-84. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Unbeaten (3-0) Nate Houser, 173, Long Beach, slowed down and finally stopped Ramon Vallejos, 173, Pacific Palisades, in 1:52 of the fifth of a scheduled six. Pat Connolly, referee.

Exciting Dino Garza, 128, Granada Hills, was in trouble in the opening round before halting Martin Juarez, 128¾, San Diego, in 2:16 of the second of a scheduled four. Two knockdowns convinced referee Jordan that Juarez did not want to continue.

Milford Kemp, 167, Venice, knocked out Granger Korff, 165, Culver City, in 2:05 of the third of a scheduled six, repeating a same round victory one year earlier. Connolly, referee.

Micah Bates, 118½, Los Angeles, recovered from a second-round knockdown to win a four-round split decision over Hector Diaz, 118, San Diego. Scoring: Davis and Byrd 38-37 Bates; Rozadilla 38-37 Diaz. Connolly, referee.

Promoter: Daniel Goossen.
Physician: Dr. Robert Karns.
Timekeeper: John Liechti.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Larry Goosen.
(7-28-87)

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Jesus Poll, 126, Long Beach, halted former amateur rival Paul Banke, 126, Blythe, in 43 seconds of the seventh of a scheduled 12 to win the vacant California state featherweight title. Although outgunned by the bigger and sharper hitting Poll (12-0-2), southpaw Banke (10-3) made the fight until he was dropped on the seat of his pants by a straight right. Two knockdowns later, referee Larry Rozadilla stopped the fight. Scoring through five, not including a point deducted from Poll for a low blow: Raul Caiz 59-56; Dr. James Jen-Kin 60-55; Pat Connolly 59-55.

Derrick Kelly, 147, Carson, clearly outpointed previously unbeaten young prospect Terry Norris, 146, Campu, winning unanimously, 10, to advance in The Forum Welterweight Tournament. Norris (12-1), forced to go past four rounds for the first time in his career, was simply too inexperienced to cope with California jr. middleweight champion Kelly (17-1-2). Scoring: Caiz 96-94; Jen-Kin 96-95; Rozadilla 97-94. Vince Delgado, referee.

Orlin Norris, 205, Campo, needed only 2:11 of the first of a scheduled 10 to flatten woefully overweight John Barbier, 230, New Orleans. Barbier (8-3-1), a character who claims to make his living wrestling alligators, was down twice. Norris (13-1) deserves better. John Thomas, referee.

Willie Wilson, 163, Campo, floored and stopped Tino Leon, 162, Visalia, in 2:36 of the second of a scheduled six. Wilson has lost only once in 11 starts. Connolly, referee.

Roberto Rosiles, 157, Blythe, had a workout at the expense of Jose Luis Cordova, 158, Hanford. Rosiles (9-2-1) dropped Cordova (2-3) in both the first and second, but it was a cut eye which ended Cordova's misery in 1:58 of the third of a scheduled five. Caiz, referee.

Eighteen-year-old debuting Ysaisas Zamudio, 109, Blythe, unanimously outpointed Jerome Wilson, 106, Los Angeles, four. Wilson (1-3-1) was floored and nearly shut out. Connolly, referee.

A third-round knockdown gave Forum favorite Ruben Maldonado, 126, Los Angeles, a hard-fought four-round victory over Javier Macias, 126, Burbank. Scoring: Delgado 38-38; Connolly 38-37; Thomas 39-38. Caiz, referee.

Promoter: Jerry Buss.
Physician: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz.
Timekeepers: Mike Millsap & Ernie Snow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
(8-13-87)

DEAN LOHUIS

COLORADO

▶**DENVER—St. Joseph's Gym**—Local featherweight prospect Tony Duran KO'd a boyish looking somebody calling himself Ronnie Brown at 0:24 of the first in a scheduled 10. Duran is 9-0.

Anthony Huggins, 168, Virgin Islands, took a majority decision over Jessie Abrams, 164, Lincoln, in a well-fought six-rounder. Huggins is 4-1-1, while Abrams is an incredible 2-24-1.

Denver's Matthew Brey withstood a late rally by Omaha's Wayne Grant in winning their four-round middleweight tiff.

Felix Dubray, 132, Omaha, proved too crafty for David Sanchez, 128, Leadville, in four.

James Bell, 184, Denver, gunned down barrel-chested Mike Acklie 196, Lincoln, 2:35, in Round Three of a scheduled four.

Vinnel Ponzio, 127, Denver, went to 2-0-1 when substitute Carmine "the Bag Man" Bagley, bagged it at 2:31 of the first of a four.

Promoter: B.B.C. Promotions.
Referees: Paul Barcelona & Novar Garcia.
Announcer: Joseph Garcia.
Attendance: 225.
(8-15-87)

ED WALSH

FLORIDA

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Local hero Ivan Gonzalez ran his pro log to 12-1 with a third-round kayo over Marty Moliva in Miami Beach.

▶**MIAMI BEACH—Carillon Hotel**—In the main event, the last bout of the evening, Michael Gamble, 142, Miami, won an eight-round unanimous decision over Billy Wooten, 138, Miami. Gamble is 15-1.

The co-feature scheduled for eight ended in the third. It was an easy victory for popular Ivan Gonzalez, 139, Miami, whose long left jabs paved the way to a quick KO over Marty Moliva, 136, at 1:49 of the round. Gonzalez is 12-1 with seven KOs.

A third scheduled eight ended even quicker. Edward Pollard, 130, Barbados, floored Carlos Lopez, 124, Miami, twice in the opening round. Lopez couldn't rise after the second knockdown, which came at 2:43 of the round.

It was a night of quick knockouts, with only two fights going the limit.

Miami's Milton Bowen, 202, made his pro debut a dynamite success. He walked through his opponent Wes Lesley, 225, Miami, and floored him for the full count with a terrific right to the stomach and a follow-up right to the head. The finish came at two minutes of the first round. It was a scheduled four. Bowen, 18 years old, has just come off an amateur record of 172-6.

Saleem Mohammad, 154, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Jim Johnson, 150, Miami, in six. Saleem scored knockdowns in the third and fourth but couldn't put Johnson away.

Marck Young, 226, Miami, made quick work of Ron Baskin, 232, Miami, finishing him off at 0:32 of the first with a left hook that landed flush on the jaw. It was a scheduled six.

George Farinas, 148, Miami, and Mike Sapp, 149, Miami, fought to a four-round draw.

In the opening round, Jose Guzman, 127, Miami, scored a TKO at 2:20 of the second round over Armando Gonzalez, 124, Miami.

Promoter: Al Bonanni, E.P. Promotions.
Attendance: 550 (est.).
Referees: Harry Brennan, Bernie Soto & Bill Conners.
Judges: Irving Abramson, Rick Beys, Mark Schneider & John Rupert.
(7-31-87)

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Former WBC heavyweight boss Trevor Berbick, returning to the ring for the first time since losing his title to Mike Tyson, stopped Art Terry in five.

▶**FT. MYERS—Lee Civic Center**—Lee County's first professional boxing card drew 4,500 to see heavyweight contender Trevor Berbick stop Salem, West Virginia's Art Terry at 1:33 of the fifth round.

Berbick, who weighed 227 in his first appearance since suffering a second-round loss to Mike Tyson, upped his record to 32-5-1 with the TKO. Referee Mike Boggs stopped the contest with Terry pinned in a corner while Berbick fired away. Many, including Terry, disagreed with the stoppage.

"I was trying to let him punch himself out," said Terry, who slipped to 5-5-1. "That was my plan, to tire him out and come on strong in the seventh, eighth and ninth."

Berbick had a different view, saying, "He was taking a beating. The people didn't see the shots were landing right over the temple. I don't question the referee's judgment."

The referee didn't question the referee's judgment, either.

"He was getting pummeled," said Boggs. "When a man stands in the corner, drops his hands to his waist and takes 12 straight blows to the head, the fight is over."

And that's just how Boggs called it. Unfortunately, Terry and Berbick weren't listening, and the fighters squared off again, throwing several punches before being separated.

"Terry came over and said he didn't want to make it a bad fight," said Berbick. "So I said, 'Come on.' I was just getting warmed up."

Terry added, "Yeah, we were ready to go again. He wanted to knock me out. The fact that he went five rounds with a nobody makes him look bad. The best thing he could do was to knock me out cold."

The undercard saw Tyrone Frazier stop Kenny Styles in nine rounds, while Mark Holmes notched an eight-round unanimous decision win over Derrick Earvin.

Frazier, 164½, Philadelphia, the nephew of former heavyweight champ Joe Frazier, made his record 15-0 as he won something called the Universal Boxing Association's Pan-American championship. Styles, also of Philadelphia, weighed 166½ in dropping to 19-3.

The two fought as if the world light heavyweight championship was at stake, staging a good, old-fashioned Philadelphia gym brawl.

"We were throwing bombs," said Frazier. "He was strong, but he shouldn't have stood there."

There being in front of Frazier. But Styles indicated he had no say in the matter, commenting, "He was really pressing the issue, and he was very strong. You do tricks to bring a fighter in, but there was no need to do that."

Holmes, from Easton, Pennsylvania and the younger brother of former world heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, weighed 164½ in improving his record to 37-1, winning unanimously. Earvin came in at 162.

Joe Frazier Jr., Joe's son, weighed 139 in posting a unanimous 10-round decision win over Steve Mitchell of Youngstown, Ohio. Frazier ran his mark to 21-6, with Mitchell falling to 15-11.

The card's opener featured Juan Gutierrez, 150½, of Fort Myers, who scored a four-round TKO over Florida City's Tony Torres, 151¼. Gutierrez lifted his record to 6-2-1.

Richard Council, 174½, won a four-round majority decision over James Edward Kabuuki, 175½.

Tommy Small, 143½, scored a four-round split decision win over Tony Diaz, 147.

Mark McClellan, Naples, 156¼, knocked out Miami's Said Sayeb, 153, in 56 seconds.

Promoter: Southwest Promotions.
Physicians: Dr. Mark C. Means & Dr. Rick A. Means.
Referees: Jay Edson & Mike Boggs.
Timekeeper: Dick Howroyd.
knockdown Timekeeper: Harry Van Linder.
Judges: Derrell Brown, Wilson Robinson & John Mannone.
(7-31-87)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▶**CHICAGO—Lake Shore Club**—Waterville, Maine's Laurie Ann Holt scored a six-round TKO win over San Diego's Nelisidad Del Pettis in a women's match scheduled for 10 rounds.

The 23-year-old Holt weighed 129 to 123 for the 27-year-old Pettis.

A six-rounder between Chicagoans weighing 156 ended in the fourth, Ron Amundsen gaining a TKO win over Steve Williams.

Four four-rounders were also featured.

Mexico City's 19-year-old Eziqueil Olague, 129, made his pro debut, stopping Milwaukee's Cleo Parks, 121, in just 1:44.

Chicago's Curtis Strong, 131, scored a TKO over Milwaukee's Sherman Dixon, 130, the end coming at 52 seconds of the second.

Chicago's Charles O'Neal, 162, won a majority, four-round decision over Milwaukee's Walter Cowen, 151.

Karriem Bey, 160, a 27-year-old from Chicago, made his pro debut with a split, four-round decision over Ben Judah, 164, Chicago.

Promoter: Cliff Lanas.
Announcer: Angelo Buscaglia.
Physician: Dr. Glenn Bynum.
Referees: Al Preslinger & Stan Berg.
Timekeeper: Al Tremari.
Judges: Tim Adams, Mike Glienna & Jerry Jakubco.
Attendance: 353.
(8-15-87)

▶**VILLA PARK—Odeum**—Louie Lomeli, 136, Melrose Park, raised his record to 16-0 with a TKO over Milwaukee's Richard Campbell, 134.

The 22-year-old Lomeli ended the scheduled 10-rounder at 2:52 of the second round.

Addison's Bobby Hitz, 210, improved to 11-1 with a first-round stoppage of Peoria's Mike Bush, 239. Bush lasted just 2:19 of the scheduled six-rounder.

Franklin Park's Jake Carollo, 143, stopped Chicago's Robert Brooks, 142½, at 2:52 of the second of a scheduled six. Carollo is 5-0.

Chicago's David Davis, 161, took a close six-round verdict over Gary, Indiana's Jake Torrence, 160, to run his mark to 13-0.

Gene Dyker, 225, Glendale Heights, knocked out Omaha, Nebraska's Stan Johnson, 212, in 2:59 of a scheduled four. Johnson was retired permanently in Illinois.

Milwaukee's 17-year-old Carl Williams, 176, stopped Chicago's Tim Martin, 176, at 2:21 of the third of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner.
Announcer: Bill Baker.
Physician: Glenn Bynum.
Referees: Stan Berg & Al Preslinger.
Paramedics: Scipione & Corsello.
Timekeeper: Al Tremari.
Judges: Mike Glienna, Tim Adams, Bill Lerch & Jerry Jakubco.
(7-31-87)

KENTUCKY

▶**LEXINGTON—Continental Inn**—Louisville heavyweight James Pritchard, 215, tuned up for a possible meeting with Mike Weaver by stopping Shelby, North Carolina's Frankie Hines, 193, in the second round.

Pritchard, who improved his record to 15-0-1 with 11 KOs, dropped Hines twice in the second, referee Robert Dixon calling matters at 2:08 as Hines struggled to regain his feet after his second trip to the deck.

The start was Pritchard's first since April 20, and trainer James Doolin admitted Pritchard could have used a little more work, saying, "He had a lot of fight in him that he never got to get out."

But Doolin was quick to add, "It kept him fighting. We got what we needed. We got a little work."

If the 5-11, 26-year-old Pritchard had thoughts of coasting a few rounds to get more work, the crowd discouraged it with chants of "Tyson! Tyson!"

"Everybody wants to see blood and guts," said Pritchard. "In the 60s, everybody wanted to see a man box so clean and superb. But the whole thing is doing what you have to do to stay on top, and I'm doing it."

A six-round bout loaded with action saw Lexington's Ralph Ward, 163, score a unanimous decision over Gastonia, North Carolina's Speedy Brown, 165.

Another scheduled six ended much quicker when Lexington's Jerry Brown, 156, stopped Cincinnati's Leon Shavers, 153, in 2:41.

Three scheduled four-rounders failed to go the distance.

Lexington's Bryan Brown, 130, stopped Charlotte, North Carolina's Robert Woods, 135, at 1:31 of the second.

Louisville's Bradley Williams, 138, halted Benton Harbor, Michigan's Bobo Brooks, 138, at 57 seconds of the fourth round.

Lexington's Billy Durbin, 147, needed just 2:54 to dispatch Cincinnati's Eric Lewis, 159.

Promoter: Thoroughbred Pro Boxing.
Referees: Cunningham & Dixon.
Judges: Anderson, Childers & Kempf.
Timekeeper: Sayre.
Physician: Dr. James Ross.
(7-28-87)

▶**LEXINGTON—Rhinestone Palace**—NABF super lightweight champion Harold Brazier kept busy with a very impressive six-round TKO over tough Leroy Jones of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Jones scored well with overhand rights, prompting Brazier to comment, "He had a good looping right hand that stunned me once. I caught on to his rhythm by the fourth and was able to take over from there."

The 35-year-old Brazier weighed 147 to 139 for the 24-year-old Jones.

Richmond's Chuck Knapp, 147, won a unanimous six-round decision over Al Bell, 150, Des Moines, Iowa. Bell lost a point for low blows in the good scrap.

Richmond's Shawn Evans, 200, stopped Cincinnati's Tim Grant, 244, in the second round of a scheduled four.

Robert Myatt, 130, Richmond, won a unanimous four-round decision over Cincinnati's Jerry Strickland, 136. Myatt won 40-35 on all cards.

Tim Tipton, 139, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, took a close four from Marty Wolfe, 145, Manchester, Kentucky. Tipton won 40-39 and 39-38, with the third judge calling it 38-38.

Promoter: Greg G. Ginter.
Referees: Crisp & O'Brien.
Judges: Larry Mullins, Jack Kerns & Sam Floyd.
Timekeeper: O'Brien.
Physician: Ginter.
Announcer: Morgan.
(7-28-87)

▶**FT. KNOX—Sadowski Fieldhouse**—Just three days after stopping Leroy Jones, Harold Brazier of South Bend, Indiana, was back in action against Dave Reynolds.

Brazier ran his winning streak to 12, 11 of the bouts coming this year, with a unanimous eight-round decision win that upped his record to 49-7-1 with 34 KOs.

The veteran Brazier, whose NABF super lightweight championship was not on the line, gave away eight pounds, but used his experience to offset Reynolds, who provided a good show. Though Brazier scored well with the jab and often with hard rights, Reynolds never stopped trying, plugging forward continuously.

"It's weird, but I never heard of this guy and he gave me a hell of a long night," said Brazier. "It was so hot in that gym, I think I'm now down to featherweight."
(7-31-87)

LOUISIANA

▶**DERIDDER—Knight's of Columbus Hall**—Welterweight Scott "Blonde Bomber" Daley stretched his record to 15-0 with a third-round knockout of James Sanders of Meridian, Mississippi.

Sanders was decked in the opening round, came back strong in the second session, but was knocked out at 2:28 of the third by a Daley left hook.

Reggie Miller, 154, stopped Biloxi, Mississippi's Darren Elliot at 2:15 of the second round, Miller also concluding affairs with a left hook.

Joey LeBlanc, 140, made his pro debut brief, stopping Walter Fields of Port Arthur, Texas, in the first.

Junior Moran, 118, Sulphur, scored a unanimous decision win over Todd Mingo of Port Arthur, Texas.

Westlake's James Ray Thomas, 175, captured a split verdict from William Knorr of New Orleans.

Heavyweight David "Country" Clark of Lake Charles ran his record to 7-0 with a third-round stoppage of David Vaughn of Biloxi, Mississippi.

Promoter: Champion Boxing Promotions.
(7-24-87)

▶ **WESTLAKE—Westlake Recreation Center**—Scott "Blonde Bomber" Daley, 147, Lake Charles, Louisiana, kept his mark perfect with his 16th consecutive knockout, stopping Houston's Charles Rice at 1:15 of the third round.

Reggie Miller, 154, Lake Charles, stretched his mark to 24-6, 16 by knockout, by stopping Beaumont, Texas' Walter Fields at 1:57 of the second.

Westlake's Wade Francis, 106, knocked out Donald Ray Gillespie of Port Arthur, Texas, two minutes into the first round.

Rodney Jones, 160, Sulphur, stopped Beaumont's James Hilliard 45 seconds into the second round.

Rico Guillory, Lake Charles, 145, ended his bout in the second round, stopping Sulphur's Cowboy Breaux at 1:45.

Vinton's James Ray Thomas, 180, also ended his bout in the second round, downing Beaumont's Stanley Glost at 1:45.
(8-6-87)

MARYLAND

▶**GLEN BURNIE—La Fontaine Bleu**—A brand new dinner-boxing promotion broke ground at a plush hotel and scored a rousing success despite the almost requisite fallouts. In the main event, scheduled eight, D.J. Turner, 139, Baltimore, annihilated prelim kid Calvin Hardy, 139, Balto., with a spectacular knockout rivaling anything from a Hollywood fight scene. As Calvin dipped the wrong way, D.J. launched a skyrocket right that swept him off his feet, legs kicking in air, to end up twitching on the canvas like a swatted insect. Ref Larry Barrett counted him out at 2:03 of the first.

Chuck Sturm, 138¾, Millersville, MD, scored a knockdown with a snappy left hook in the third, then finished strong behind heavier punching to gain a tough, but fair, unanimous verdict over Tricky Charles Jackson, 139, DC, six. Ref, Milton Greene.

Lefty George Pindell, 135, Annapolis, thoroughly outclassed Lindell Beatty, 138½, DC, to stop him on his feet at 2:55 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Barrett.

Chris Lucas, 142, Hagerstown, handed a lacing to southpaw Greg Smith, 139, DC, for a unanimous win in a lively four. Ref, Terry Moore.

Promoters: Max Kisner & Victoria Savaleski (Maryland Showcase).
Matchmaker: Max Kisner.
Attendance: Sellout, 800, $15,000 (est.)
Judges: Tom Kelly & Ray Klingmeyer.
Timekeepers: Izzy Bach & Earl Clemons.
Announcer: Tony Baldoni.
(8-5-87)

J.R.JOWETT

MASSACHUSETTS

▶**NORTH ADAMS—Mohawk Performing Arts Center**—A crowd of about 600 fans turned out for this card, headlined by the state's first-ever women's match. The four-round "main event" pitted Gail Grandchamp, 124, North Adams, against Chicago's

Linda Casey, 122. Grandchamp coaches the boxing club at North Adams State College and was the driving force behind this happening. After four hectic rounds, Grandchamp was awarded a split decision over Casey. It was Grandchamp's pro debut, while Casey, a security consultant in real life, had been involved in two draws previously.

A six-round semifinal saw Sammy Lee Young, 140, Albany, take a unanimous nod over Ray Doughtey, 138, Westbury, Ct.

A middleweight four-rounder had Albany's Mike Caminiti, 163, take a decision win over Joe Ossai, 166, Merrimack, N.H.

Light heavyweight Andy Gordon, Norwalk, Ct., stopped Bridgeport's Jim Hairston in the first round of their scheduled four.

Kevin Pompey, 151, Troy, N.Y., won by TKO in the first round over Waterbury, Ct.'s James Gibson, 147, in another bout slated for four frames.

Referees: Matt Mullaney worked the main event and alternated the other matches with Pete Mancuso.
Judges: David Sammartaro & alternate referees.
Timer: Mauro Consiglio.
Promoter: Helyn Hall.
Attendance: 600 (estimated).
Physician: Dr. William Dorfman.
(7-17-87)

JAY N. MILLER

MICHIGAN

▶**DETROIT—Chene Park**—In a Kronk showcase held at this new riverfront ampitheatre, Jammin' Jeff Thompson used his left-handed attack to beat out a 10th-round TKO against Prince Mamah Mohammed in the light heavyweight headliner.

Both suffered nasty gashes in the mouth, and Mohammed failed to answer the bell for the 10th.

Promoter Bill Kozierski's matchmaker Tommy Vaca and agent Lindy Lindell put together five other bouts for their "Summer Festival of Boxing" for an appreciative audience of over 5,000 fans, who witnessed the pro debut of lightweight Tim Young. Young cut open Sheryse Countryman and pounded out a four-round unanimous decision.

Light heavyweight Roke Harris of Pontiac, Michigan, dropped his bomb on an outclassed John Coons of Detroit to win at 2:59 of the first. Typically, Harris took some, then gave some to drop Coons twice in the first and only stanza.

Anthony Jones of Detroit upped his record to 15-0-1 as he completely controlled Walter Cowans of Milwaukee in a six-round welterweight match.

In the most evenly matched fight of the evening's program, two Michigan pugilists fenced to a split decision in their middleweight matchup with Ypsilanti's Shawn Grey winning over Walterford's Lee Lamphere. Grey is 5-0, Lamphere, 5-5.

Lightweight Stanley Longstreet KO'd his way to an 8-0 record with a flying right that brought the dark lights to mismatched James Rideout of Milwaukee. Rideout, who lasted just 52 seconds, is 0-3.

Promoter: Bill Kozierski.
Matchmaker: Tommy Vaca.
Judges: Grable, Ellison & Chaulk.
(8-14-87)

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center**—Featherweight Steve "Blues Man" McCrory improved his record to 17-2-1, stopping Jose "The Flea" Torres at 2:49 of the second round.

Bantamweight sensation Renaldo "Little Red" Carter found a worthy and macho opponent in Tucson's Louie Coronado, but raised his record to 10-0 with a unanimous, six-round decision. Two judges scored 60-54, the third carding 60-55.

Heavyweight Tim Bullock of Detroit suffered a gash that circled the top of his right eye, forcing a premature conclusion to his bang-up fight with Texan Jesse Shelby. The loss dropped Bullock to 15-5, while Shelby went to 18-6-1. Perhaps it is time for Michigan to consider the three-round rule for a fighter who suffers a fight-stopping injury from an unintentional butt.

Courtney Hooper pounded out a TKO at 55 seconds of the fourth stanza of a welterweight contest against Albuquerque's Richard Fowler, who dropped to 17-6-1.

Local favorite and transplanted Kentuckian Fred "The Tank" Adams had to go the distance with fellow featherweight Jose Herrera in a bullfight that saw the lead change hands several times before Adams captured a split, six-round decision. Adams won two cards 58-56, with the swarming Herrera gaining the third, 59-55. It was a real crowd-pleaser that enhanced Adams' reputation as a taker-giver.

Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson lowered the boom on Mario Rivera to go 7-0 in the featherweight division and retain his No. 1 status in the Michigan rankings.

Dwayne "007" Peterson went to 3-1 with a unanimous decision in the lightweight class over Joey Orantez, who fell to 2-3. Two judges scored 59-55, with the third seeing it 60-55.

Promoter: Johnny Smith.
Matchmaker: Bojack Magnum.
Physician: Sherbin.
Judges: Fisher, McKalpain & Paruszkiewicz.
(8-18-87)

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Michael Nunn (right) connects with a right hook en route to a ninth-round TKO over Frankie Owens in Las Vegas.

▶**LAS VEGAS—Bally's Hotel—Casino**—Bob Arum had some anxious moments the last time he watched Michael Nunn and Darnell Knox in the same ring against different opponents.

By some quirk of choice, Top Rank's board chairman, preparing for his next biggie, printed slick handbills which included Nunn and Knox dueling for the North American Boxing Federation middleweight crown. For awhile, it appeared Arum had counted his poultry prematurely. And Rapid Robert doesn't cotton to making public apologies for mistakes. Fortunately, Nunn and Knox saved Top Rank's top man from embarrassment by scoring late TKO victories, but it was never a fluid journey for either warrior, particularly Knox.

Knox, 27-1 with 21 KOs, from Detroit, had rugged Alex Ramos on the verge of a knockout in the fourth round, but let the transplanted New Yorker get back into the fight to win the sixth, seventh and eighth rounds. Ramos really grabbed the crowd of 2,073 (paid gate $23,000) when he decked Knox with a long right midway through the eighth round.

Arum was clearly edgy coming up for the ninth, but Knox, 160, regained control and finally finished Ramos, 157, at 1:48 of the 10th with a left-right volley. Ramos, dropping to 27-6-2, 18 KOs, beat the count, but referee Davey Pearl stopped the bout when Alex tottered into the ropes in his own corner.

Nunn, 161, North Hollywood, California, was in complete control from the opening bell, but it was an evening of long frustration before the undefeated southpaw TKO'd unorthodox Frankie Owens at 51 seconds of the ninth round.

Owens, 159½, an Oklahoma City product with a 13-3-1 record, returned to Vegas with a style that is no style—lunging, grabbing and slap punching with a determination only to survive. Nunn, 24, lifted his credentials to 25-0 with 17 KOs, but it wasn't an outing that delighted Michael or his trainer Joe Goosen, especially since Matthew Hilton, new IBF junior middleweight champion, had chilled Owens in two rounds.

Nunn dropped Owens twice before the end—in the fifth and eighth rounds with a combination of body shots, uppercuts and jabs. Owens also picked up a cut over the left eye early in the ninth, prompting referee Richard Steele to take the wounded boxer to Dr. Flip Homansky, the Nevada State Athletic Commission physician, who abbreviated the action.

"Owens was awkward and he created a problem for me because every time I got close, he'd pin my arms down," admitted Nunn. "I also made the mistake of backing up with my hands down. My jab wasn't working like it should have, but Owens took some great shots because I was determined to get him out of there. Knox is typical of all Kronk fighters, and he'll do nothing to surprise me. We fought a lot in the amateurs, and I beat him. I expect to have one more fight before Knox, probably in my original home town at Davenport, Iowa, but I don't know the opponent."

Goosen would have been more appreciative of the victory if the usually slick Nunn "would have boxed more."

"I hate to have this kind of fight on national TV," Goosen said of the bout, which was televised by ESPN. "Michael didn't box like I wanted him to because he was frustrated. The other kid wouldn't fight. Nunn wanted a knockout early. I would have liked to see him work more on the outside, but every time he did, Owens would run at him, lunging with his head down. Steele is a great referee, but I thought he could have at least warned Owens because of those tactics.

"Knox and Nunn will be a good fight because the other guy will come to fight," Goosen added. "However, Michael is quicker, a better counter-puncher, has a stronger chin and has an edge with his southpaw style. A thing like the Owens fight is good experience, if you come out unscathed. There are all sorts of bad things that can happen, but fortunately none of them did."

Owens had no excuses other than to say, "Nunn thumbed me in the ninth round and Matthew Hilton is much faster, stronger and hits harder."

Knox won the first five rounds on all cards, then tired badly down the stretch as a surprisingly rejuvenated Ramos took command until the ninth. Ramos, 26, a former three-time New York Golden Gloves Champion, showed a chin like Gilbraltar in the fourth round when Knox staggered him three times with a left hook and two booming rights. The Latin fighter reeled drunkenly across the ring but never went down.

In the eighth, Ramos brought the crowd to its feet with a clothesline right that drove Knox into the ropes and onto the canvas. Though tiring badly, the Motor City fighter had no trouble beating the count and was trading good shots at the bell.

Going into the final round, Knox led on all scorecards, Dave Moretti seeing it 86-85, Bill Graham, 87-85, and Dalby Shirley, 86-83, but he took no chances, hurting Ramos with two rights and a left. Alex dropped to one knee and jumped back up, but Pearl wisely halted the bout.

"He's got a helluva hook," Knox said of Ramos. "I figured he'd be tough, but I can't imagine anyone tougher. I should have gotten him when I hurt him early, but I sat around too long and let him hurt me. I think the crowd pumped up Ramos, too."

Pearl made no apology for stopping the bout, saying, "If Ramos had gotten hit again, I don't know what kind of shape he would have been in. He was rockin' and rollin' in the fourth round when he was hurt and the doctor told me if it happened again to stop it. But that's not why I stopped it. I stopped it because I wanted to."

Emanuel Steward admits he will be giving Knox more time in the future.

"I didn't get a chance to train Darnell for this fight because of other business commitments," said Steward. "Knox and Nunn should be a good technical fight. Both guys can box, but Darnell has superior punching power. Knox punches from unusually odd angles. He should have taken Ramos out in the fifth after hurting him in the fourth. Instead, Darnell spent time admiring his work rather than tending to business.

"Only in the last round when he finally stopped Ramos did Knox fight properly," added Steward. "That's when he was fluid and fighting instinctively. Early, Darnell was trying to be too intelligent. When a fighter thinks long, he usually thinks wrong."

Keith Stevenson, 131, Las Vegas, moved to 25-2-1, 14 KOs, when he droppedd Victor Paredes, 131, Mexico City, twice for a TKO win when the latter couldn't answer the bell for the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout. Paredes, is 16-5 with 10 KOs.

Tim Mosely, 136, Las Vegas, won a unanimous six-round decision over Juan Trujillo, 137, Los Angeles, to reach 4-1-1, three KOs.

Stanley Longstreet, 139½, Detroit, stopped Nate Echeverria, 140, Scottsdale, Arizona, at 1:27 of the first round for his sixth straight victory, five by KO.

Nate Houser, 174, Los Angeles, stopped Calvert Jackson, 172, Vallejo, California, with a right to the jaw at 1:37 of the first round, improving his ledger to 4-0 with three KOs in a scheduled four-rounder.
(8-11-87)

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Lenny Valdez returned to familiar haunts after a three-year absence from Las Vegas more impressively than a recent 10-round split decision would indicate.

The classy 26-year-old Mexican-born featherweight out of Los Angeles repeated an earlier win over Alberto Mercado of New York as the Houston Boxing Association made its promotional debut at the Showboat Hotel-Casino.

Valdez appeared a clear-cut winner, especially after dropping Mercado twice in the sixth round, though he received credit for only one knockdown from referee Richard Steele.

Valdez, a pro since 1981 with 10 local victories since '82, improved his credentials to 30-8-1 with 19 KOs and appeared to clinch a bout with former champion Juan "Kid" Meza at the Mexicali State Auditorium later in the year. Mercado, last seen locally in 1982 when his 15-bout win skein was stopped by African import Charm Chiteula, slipped to 28-7-1 with 24 KOs.

Lenny's combinations dominated the first four rounds, including buckling Mercado's knees in the third with a searing right to the jaw. Mercado, who matched Valdez at 127½ pounds, managed to tie up Valdez, who missed several combinations in his excitement to finish his man. Alberto was on unsteady legs at the bell, but came back to win the fifth round on several cards wtih stick-and-move tactics.

Valdez, fondly remembered by Showboat patrons for his sensational one-round TKO over Stevie Cruz, March 29, 1984, before the Texan became World Boxing Association featherweight champion, opened the sixth by nailing Mercado flush with a left hook to the jaw. The now Fun City-based fighter dropped flat on his back, but managed to pull himself upright as Steele tolled "eight."

, Lenny rushed to finish the issue, but Mercado was in a wild retreat before Valdez caught him with another left-right, driving Mercado across the ring into his own corner. The sharp-punching Mexican kept the pressure on, moving Mercado along the ropes with a left-right to the body. Mercado was visibly hurt by the salvo and lunged frantically to effect a clinch, the impact sending both fighters to the canvas. Steele ruled no knockdown, later admitting, "I was out of position to see any body punches or I would have definitely called it a knockdown."

Mercado surprisingly shook off the effects of his near knockout in the sixth and made a belated rally in the seventh and eighth with a hit-and-run strategy that frustrated the over-anxious Valdez.

In the official voting, Hal Miller and Dalby Shirley gave it to Valdez, 96-93 and 95-93, respectively, while Chuck Giampa tabbed it 96-93 Mercado. *The Ring's* tally was 97-93 Valdez.

"I beat Mercado a lot easier this time than at Inglewood," said Valdez. "I boxed him outside, and I was surprised how easy he was to hit with overhand rights. If I fought him inside, I might have lost. However, I thought Mercado was better prepared this time and much stronger.

"Now who do I have to beat to get rated?" asked Valdez. "Some people have had me 15th, but now I have no classification. I feel I've proven myself. Don't forget, I've beaten guys like top contender Marcos Villasana, Steve Cruz, Pascual Aranda and Javier Marquez, among others. I'll win the title if they give me a chance."

In an eight-round middleweight semi-windup, Royan Hammond, 156, Vallejo, California, made an impressive local debut when he scored a unanimous decision over Los Angeles' Milford Kemp. Hammond moved his ledger to 13-0, six KOs, while Kemp dropped to 7-3-3 with three KOs.

Tommy Taylor, 194¾, Phoenix, Arizona, had too much punching power for Bret Hughes, 189, Tucson, Arizona, winning a unanimous six-round decision. Taylor is 5-1 with three KOs, while Hughes dips to 9-6-3 with four KOs.

Henry Anaya, 147, Albuquerque, New Mexico, knocked down Rene Moreno, 145½, Las Vegas, in the first and third rounds to win a lopsided four-round decision in his second pro start.

Freddy Sykes, 157, Phoenix, pitched a four-round shutout in turning back Jamie Fernandez, 161, San Diego. Sykes is 4-3 with two KOs, Fernandez 3-7 with two KOs.
(7-24-87)

JACK WELSH

▶**RENO—Bally's Grand**—Bernard Taylor retained his NABF featherweight championship, no ifs, ands or butts.

Taylor's scheduled 12-rounder against Javier Marquez ended suddenly when ringside physician Ed Dehne determined that a cut over Taylor's right eye was too serious for the champion to continue. An accidental butt had opened the cut in the fifth, and NABF rules stipulate going to the scorecards to determine a winner in such a case.

Judge Doug Tucker had Taylor ahead, 49-46, with Keith MacDonald agreeing, though by a much tighter 48-47. Herbert Minn had Marquez in front, 49-48. Thus Taylor, of Knoxville, Tennessee, retained his crown via an abbreviated split decision.

"It was a deep cut," said Dehne. "I gave them all the time possible to stop the bleeding."

Referee Mills Lane couldn't determine who had caused the butt, if either fighter, recalling, "Their heads came together and there was an unintentional clash of heads."

But Marquez, who was cut on the chin, left no doubt who was at fault, at least in his mind, saying, "Bernard Taylor was the perpetrator of the butting from the beginning. Uncharacteristically, he was using a lot of rough tactics. We were surprised. Taylor is a stylish boxer."

To that point, neither had accomplished much, the southpaw style of Marquez evidently giving Taylor problems.

"He fought my fight," said Taylor. "He tried to box a boxer, but he's a slugger."

The 30-year-old Taylor, who needed 10 stitches to close the wound, upped his record to 38-2-1 with 17 knockouts, while Marquez, a 25-year-old from Mexicali, Mexico, dipped to 29-5-3 with 16 KOs.

On the undercard, Tracy Harris Patterson, stepson of former heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson, knocked out Victor "Pit Bull" Gonzalez of San Francisco in the fourth round to push his log to 20-0 with 11 knockouts.

Patterson, of New Paltz, NY, floored Gonzalez with a right hand, then decked him again in the fourth with a left hook to the body. Before the round was over, Patterson dropped Gonzalez for the finisher, a right to the jaw ending matters at 1:26.

Carson City heavyweight Shaun Ayers stopped Lincoln, Nebraska's Carlos Santiesteban, Lane stopping the scheduled eight-rounder between the fourth and fifth rounds when it became apparent Santiesteban was absorbing too much punishment. Ayers is 16-5-2.

An eight-round middleweight scrap between Carson City's Alberto Gonzales and Reno's Jerry "Mack Truck" Reddick ended in the second when Gonzales dropped Reddick twice for a TKO at 1:46 to improve his record to 15-4-2 with 12 KOs.

Reno's Elias Mayorga ended his welterweight four-rounder with Portland, Oregon's Donnie Parks even quicker, stopping Parks in just 1:49.

Middleweight Karama Leota of Salt Lake City, Utah, captured a six-round majority decision over Bakersfield, California's Ricky Locke to boost his record to 5-1 with four KOs.

Promoter: Top Rank Inc.
Matchmaker: Bruce Trampler.
Referees: Mills Lane, Norm Budden & Vic Draculich.
Physician: Ed Dehne.
(8-15-87)

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Bally's Park Place Hotel-Casino**—Bally's brings boxing back with a bang.

Don Turner, are you reading this? If so, listen up. Being the trainer of Harold Knight, you better put a harness on this bucking bronco and corral his brawling instincts; he can't rumble every minute of every round. This macho behavior should be sprinkled liberally with a dosage of jab and cool it. Remember, discretion is certainly the better part of valor—in the long run.

On this night, late sub Sylvester Kennon, 132, St. Louis, Mo., a gritty but out-volumed foe, had Knight, 129, Plainfield, NJ, firing hectic bursts of fire throughout. Harold's night got off with a machine gun attack and hardly took an R&R along the way. Through simple attrition, "The Shadow" saturated his man into submission.

Even though Kennon recieved a standing eight count in Round Three, did not win a round on any card, and was dropped in the seventh before referee Vinnie Rainone halted matters at the 2:14 mark of that session, the victory somehow fell short of convincing for Harold. He admitted as much when he said, "I give myself a six rating. I want to be hard on myself. I think I hurt him several times, but he always came back at me."

In a companion 10, Freddy Pendleton, 143, Phila., won by KO at 2:22 of the sixth over tall southpaw Ronald "Mongoose" Haynes, 142¼, Houston. The bout did have its moments.

Freddy trashed his junk attack and got off smartly. In the third, he dropped Haynes three times, which means the bout is over, and thus did referee Tony Perez rule. The crowd let its displeasure known; Haynes was right back in it and some felt the third knockdown was less than legitimate. The commission conferred and discreetly overruled Perez as to the quality of the knockdown.

With renewed vigor and only 14 seconds left in the round, the two boxers let their energies continue to heave punches well beyond the bell. Slowly, however, Freddy regained control and Haynes was decked for good in the sixth; taking the full count plopped in his own corner, completely drained of resistance.

Alex Medel, 148¼, Sunrise, Fl., survived the early rounds assault of Rip Rettig, 148¼, Bayonne, NJ, to take an eight-round unanimous decision. Neither man shown in the defensive department which made for an active encounter. Rettig was dropped in the sixth, and it was all downhill from there as Rettig's tiring gave Medel new life. Scores: John Stewart and Richard F. Murry both had it 78-73, while John Poturaj saw it 76-75. *The Ring* card read 77-75. Ref; Perez.

Adam Garland, 157¾, Piscataway, NJ, ran his mark to 4-0 (all by KO) in this scheduled six, when he KO'd southpaw George Hobbs, 151¾, Brooklyn, at just 0:54 of the first. Hobbs was dropped once by a right hand in a neutral corner. Ref; Rainone.

Steve Frank, 140¼, NYC, took a four-round unanimous decision over Mark Miller, 141, Cinn., Ohio. This was a mild upset as Miller was coming in at 8-0 with six knockouts and appeared too strong for the reed-like Frank. However, Steve surprised with his willingness to mix it up and while Miller was ready to rumble all night long himself, it was he who couldn't cope with the punch of Frank, who dropped Miller twice in the second session.

This was the tie-breaker bout of the card. Boxers from the Lenny Shaw stable (Knight and Garland) and the Ed Gersh camp (Pendleton and Medel) had won their respective bouts. Here, they met head on, and Frank gave the 3-2 edge to the Gersh camp. All three judges had it 39-35. The ref was Perez.

Timekeeper: Justin Bucanico.
Promoter: Top Rank.
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler & Ron Katz.
(7-28-87)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino**—In a must-win situation, Doug DeWitt, 164½, Yonkers, NY, hung on to barely make it through 30 rousing minutes to post a unanimous decision over Lenny LaPaglia, 166, Melrose Park, Il. Quoted as saying, "I'll turn in my gloves if I can't beat a kid (actually, Lenny is 16 months older) like LaPaglia. What's the use of going on?" Going on may now include a shot at IBF 168-lb. champ Chong-Pal Park.

DeWitt, "The Cobra," struck early and often, sweeping to a commanding lead after four rounds. The opening sessions had the less mobile LaPaglia failing to use his jab effectively, thus letting DeWitt easily back him to the ropes where Dougie planted left hooks to the body and right uppercuts to the head. Lenny's only hope was his mule team punch and he landed his first leg quivering right cross late in the fourth. Still relatively fresh, Dougie collected himself, but took a blow for the next round and a half. He then proceeded to get back into the groove of stinging jabs; unleashing solid combinations while his foe lay on the ropes.

However, his foundation for victory nearly came tumbling down late in the ninth when a left hook shattered his defense and had his own foundation (legs) visually crumbling. LaPaglia hesitated for fear DeWitt was once again deceiving him.

"I thought he was trying to fool me," said a downcast LaPaglia afterwards. "I wanted to follow up but thought he was playing possum." A weary DeWitt avoided much further damage, but was unsteady at the bell.

Lenny, sensing his only hope for a win lay in a knockout, leaped to action on the sound of the bell beginning the 10th. DeWitt kept himself together long enough and the final seconds captured the overview of the earlier rounds; one in which Lenny found himself backed to the ropes and on the defensive.

Scores: Al DeVito 96-94; Joe Pasquale 97-92 and Richard Strange 96-94. *The Ring* had it 96-93. The referee was Vinny Rainone.

Dave Tiberi, 164, New Castle, Dela., boxed his way to an early lead, then managed to hold off a resurgent Dr. Terry Christle, 165, Brockton, Ma., to post a unanimous eight-round victory.

Strange scored 78-74, while Pasquale and DeVito both had it 78-75. *The Ring* card read 77-76 for Tiberi. Ref; Tony Orlando.

Larry King, 169, Rochester, NY, turned pro with a TKO at 2:00 of the fourth over Marty Foley, 171½, Boston, Ma., scheduled for four. Foley was dropped in the first but took the next two rounds before being leveled by a single right. Seconds later, a left hook had him out on the ropes and Orlando leaped in to halt the bout.

David Colon, 141¼, Brentwood, NY, took a four-round unanimous decision over a reluctant Herman "Hurricane" Smith, 139¾, Jersey City, NJ. It was the pro debut for the back-peddling Smith. Scores: Pasquale and DeVito at 40-36, Strange saw it 39-37. *The Ring* agreed with the first two. Ref; Rainone.

Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Promoter: Top Rank.
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Ron Katz.
(8-18-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

▶**E. RUTHERFORD—Sheraton**—This thriving dinner-boxing promotion hit the skids with pullouts and failed physicals for its third show. The abbreviated, scrambled-egg card still pleased fans, but shocked the promoters when a house fighter was stunningly upset. Elevated to the main event, Dennis Milton, who the promotion had planned to parlay into bigger things, was stopped by comebacking Angel Sindo after five of a scheduled eight. Milton, 158, Jersey City, had the skill, but Sindo, 155, Camden, had the will. The rugged Sindo absorbed everything the classier Milton could throw at him over the first four. When Angel remained undeterred, it seemed to have an unsettling effect on Dennis. The exhausted and dispirited prospect took a battering in the fifth, then jolted everyone by remaining in his corner, blaming a damaged eye which he'd been pawing since the second. Ref, Paul Venti.

By contrast, Alphonso Bailey, 155, Lodi, NJ, looked good, chopping down game Mike Castronova, 158½, McDonald, OH, at 0:33 of the sixth, scheduled eight. The southpaw visitor put up a spirited resistance, but was steadily worn away by Bailey's sharper hands in blistering exchanges. Castronova was being flayed on the ropes when Venti administered a standing eight to close the fifth. Mike was still wobbly coming out for the sixth, with the ref quickly waving it over.

Hector Rosario, 169, Bronx, defeated Tom Davenport, 167, Charleston, WV, in an unfulfilling affair. The former "opponent" Rosario now finds himself in the matchmaker's graces and has quickly shed the "loser's" mentality. Attacking vigorously, Hector cleaned up on Davenport, with the visitor springing a major leak between his eyes. Rosario's charges were bringing violent clashes, but ref Vinnie Rainone didn't call a butt. With Davenport unable to report for the second of eight, Rosario was awarded a TKO.

Jimmy "The Corona Bull" Darpa, 148½, Bronx, was awarded a questionable majority decision over James Crosby, 148½, Irvington, in an action-packed four. Darpa outbrawled the smoother Crosby in rugged action early, but was being soundly whacked by the end. Eugene Grant voted 38-38, Milo Savage and Al DeVito both 39-38. Ref, Rainone.

Promoter: Jim Wiley (Mustapha Corp. Promotions).
Matchmaker: Don Elbaum.
Attendance: 250, $7,500 (est.).
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer: Mike Buffer.
(8-1-87)

▶**SECAUSUS—Hilton**—Marvis Frazier, 208, Phila., scored a unanimous win over Robbie Evans, 230½, Jersey City, in a sensational 10. Though a veteran trialhorse, the loser showed none of the "sparring partner syndrome" that makes for dull heavyweight maulers. The two exchanged furiously in every round as Evans several times stunned Frazier with sneak right-hand bombs as well as belaboring his midsection with thudding hooks to the liver when Marvis bored in.

But Frazier wanted it more, kept up a steady tattoo, and redoubled his hooks and combinations every time Robbie gained a momentary advantage. Evans let it all go in a blazing last-round effort that had the crowd on its feet to the bell, but fell short in the scoring. Eugene Grant had 99-91, John Poturaj 98-93, and Charlie Spina 97-94. Tony Perez refereed.

The co-feature 10 was nothing of the sort as Mustafa Hamsho, 166, Bklyn., clubbed out an awkward TKO of fellow lefty Reggie Barnes, 160¼, Memphis, at 2:57 of the third. Reggie stood up at first, but reconsidered when Hamsho kept coming, and dropped in a corner. Ref, Randy Neumann.

Southpaw Mikey "Likes It" Duzant, 143, Staten I., boxed conservatively but well to befuddle tough, but slow, Kevin Fasick, 147, Phila., for a unanimous win in a tame six. Ref, Neumann.

Louis Palumbo, 145, Staten I., met Oscar Noriega, 148, Paterson, head on, and just outgunned him in a furious slugging match. Palumbo had Noriega hurt in the fourth and final round, gaining a unanimous verdict. Ref, Neumann.

Dom Scibetta, 163, Bayonne, won a unanimous decision over ragged, but lively James Goulbourne, 159½, Bklyn., in a rousing four. Ref, Perez.

Bill Robinson, 154, Bklyn., caught debuting kid Ray Ruiz, 153, Passaic, cold, and blitzed him down to a TKO at 2:10 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Perez.

Promoter: Murad Muhammad (3M Promotions).
Matchmaker: Al Certo.
Attendance: 550, $13,000 (est.).

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Announcer: Ron Scott Stevens.
(8-10-87)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—What started as a showcase for ticket-seller Vinnie Burgese ended up a make-or-break death struggle. Burgese, 141, Phila., gained a unanimous decision over tough Eddie Van Kirk, 141, Baltimore, in a sensational 10, but had to fight for his life to do it.

The first couple of rounds looked like the expected blowout as the sharper Burgese was all over the brawling Baltimorean. But Eddie remained steadfast and began catching up once Vinnie's initial blush faded. Burgese appeared to be tiring and looked worried in the fifth as upset began being murmured at ringside. Suddenly, the whole fight changed on one punch. With Van Kirk battering the hero and gaining confidence, Vinnie lashed out a booming left-hook counter that jolted the invader to his knees. The stolid Van Kirk recovered quickly, but that didn't take the starch out of Vinnie's revived spirit. With renewed vigor, Burgese rushed back into the lead, then held off a late charge by Van Kirk that had the crowd wild.

Vinnie was hurt by a right to start the ninth, but jolted Eddie with a left hook late, with the underdog coming back to win a blazing 10th. The verdict was fair, but not altogether well received. Many fans had switched to the visitor for his gritty stand, but judges Richard F. Murry and Thomas Kaczmarek scored for the favorite, 97-94, while Frank Cairo had it a bit wide at 98-91. The win may have exposed fatal weaknesses in the touted Burgese, or it may be just the thing to toughen his development. Ref, Steve Smoger.

David Gauvin, 115, Fall River, Mass., via Houston, had little trouble KO'ing Luis Gonzalez, 113, Caguas, PR via Bronx, at 2:21 of the third, scheduled eight. The returning Gonzalez, a one-time prospect himself, gave up and folded following a straight left to the body and hook to the head. Luis made a dramatic, but seemingly phony attempt to rise, then fell back down. Ref, Smoger.

Another prospect returning from a long layoff, Clarence Coleman, 142, Newark, surprised with a near-flawless, unanimous win over spoiler Victor Davis, 141½, Wash., DC, in a one-sided fight. The lanky and crafty Davis is tough to look good against, but Clarence handled him like he owned him, with no indication of rust. Ref, Rudy Battle.

Touted Kevin Pompey, 148, Troy, NY, gained a unanimous decision over game Bobby Joe Brown, 147, Hyattsville, MD, in a crowd-pleasing four. Kevin was sharper, but Bobby Joe certainly earned his respect, and won the crowd. Ref, Battle.

Charles "Cutting-&-Slicing" (!) Dent, 176, DC, upset the applecart when he destroyed popular Jehan Pierre Vassau, 173, Morristown, NJ, with a TKO at 1:08 of the third, scheduled four. Dent started a bit tentative against the brawling Vassau, but found the range and leveled him three times with right counters. Ref, Battle.

Promoters: Josephine Abercrombie & Stan Hoffman (HBA Inc.).

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Timekeeper: Art Spell.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(8-3-87)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International**—Timmie Witherspoon's talked-about return was as revealing as it was brief.

Witherspoon, a svelte 218¼, Phila., whirlwinded Mark Wills, 213, Van Nuys, Cal., out of there in just 1:15 of the first, scheduled 10. But for Tim, it was a redemption from ignonminy. Fighting for a new promoter and eager to impress, Timmie showed none of the hypnotic loafing that had turned "easy" fights tough and made live matches into upsets. Witherspoon had struggled nine rounds before stopping Wills two years ago after, he says, Don King had told him Mark was "a bum." This time, both were eager, as Wills came out gunning. But an enthusiastic Witherspoon lashed back with a booming right that sent the Californian reeling. Timmie quickly swarmed all over his foe with a sometimes ragged, but uninterrupted barrage of blows that left ref Joe Cortez with little choice but to stop it.

Though the loser was never down and really not all that badly hurt, and though Tim's shots were sometimes awkward, it was the ex-champ's liveliness that counted most. Witherspoon seemed genuine about his dedication this time. ". . . I'm going to prove that, without Don King, I'm the best heavyweight out there," he promised. "God help them all. I've got the momentum going."

Despite the brevity of the main go, fans weren't short-changed for action after Joey "Bugsy" Ferrell, 147¼, Franklinville, NJ, gained a correct, but not entirely popular unanimous decision over John Rafuse, 140, Malden, Mass., in a hard-fought eight. The unpredictable Bugsy abandoned his Hell-bent-for-leather trademark to fight a smart, disciplined match against the rugged club fighter. Joey kept moving, conserved his punches, but picked them well, occasionally mixing in a bomb. The flat-footed visitor was frustrated, but always dangerous as surprise shots kept Ferrell "honest."

Honest, but not necessarily clean. Both supplemented their hard-won punches with a potpourri of dirty tactics that built more bad blood than could be dissipated over the eight rounds. When the verdict was announced, an angry Rafuse didn't want to shake hands and stalked from the ring as many in the crowd took up his cause. John Stewart was a bit wide at 79-73, while "Rocky" Castellani had 79-76 and Frank Brunette seemed closest at 77-75. Paul Venti refereed.

Frankie Minton, 169, Indianapolis, took the measure of Art "Breeze" Baylis, 166¼, Allentown, with a unanimous win in a hard-fought, but strangely quiescent eight. The hard-hitting Baylis exploded out confidently at the start, but Minton waited out the assault, then showed who was boss. Frankie was too tough as Baylis was cut up, wilted and getting lathered by the sixth. But "Breeze" gamely refused to die, hung tough to the end, and jolted Minton with a left uppercut in the final session. Ref, Cortez.

Johnny Miller, 173¾, Franklinville, came back from a staggering to dynamically blast "Rattlesnake" Ray Fenix, 173, Warsaw, Ind., with a right counter in a rousing, comedy four. As Fenix crumbled, the eager Miller continued to belt him, even after coming to rest on the canvas in a sitting position, but ref Venti ruled no transgression. The wobbly Fenix staggered up, but it was waved over at 2:06 of the first.

By contrast, Randy Kearse, 134½, NYC, looked sharp, battering game Rafael Rodriguez, 136½, Bklyn., for a unanimous win in a well-fought four. Ref, Venti.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.)
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Bruce Trampler.
Attendance: 900 (est.).
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer: Mike Buffer.
(8-4-87)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International**—It was the classic confrontation of the "veteran" versus the "kid," but with a sadly modern twist: the kid had 15 fights, the "vet" 20. Davey Moore, the archetypal product of the wide-open days of the early decade's boxing explosion, looked like a used-up shell in being roundly battered by upstart John David Jackson. Maneuvered callously to a tin crown which he was ill-prepared to defend against sterling challenges, the former titlist appears to have his career over before it really got started. Moore, 158, NYC, showed the symptoms of the "shot" fighter whose reflexes are gone, seeming to know what he wanted to do, but unable to do it. The fresh-faced Jackson, 154½, Phila., who, it is hoped, will be better handled, clobbered Moore to a unanimous defeat in an interesting, but unpleasant, 10.

Davey managed to execute properly long enough to drop the southpaw in the first, but was aided by a lead foot hooked around Jackson's. After a couple of cautious sessions, John David got loose in an exciting fourth. He was cleaning up on the veteran when suddenly nailed by a left hook and hurt. Jackson boxed his way out, but instead of waiting for the rest, he came back with a big left to rock Moore into a corner, where a booming uppercut sent Moore's mouthpiece flying at the bell. Davey was hardly in the fight thereafter, getting quickly into trouble as both eyes swelled in the fifth. Moore gained a respite in the sixth when he again hooked Jackson's foot for a fluke knockdown. But the latter half of the bout became an often discomforting sight as the once-proud Moore, both eyes puffing, floundered to defeat. A dislodged tooth lay on the canvas through the eighth, with Davey helplessly asking for its retrieval after the bell. It was symbolic of the evening. Eugene Grant voted 97-91, Lynne Carter 99-92 and Rich Strange 99-91. Rudy Battle refereed.

The semi eight produced a classic confrontation of another type: boxer versus puncher. The eagerly awaited return of popular slugger Kenny "Bang Bang" Bogner, however, proved a terrible letdown to his fans. Coming back after a jail term, the scarred and battered Bogner, 138½, Trenton, was chopped up and stopped by matinee-idolish Remo DiCarlo, 139¾, Toronto, at 2:00 of the sixth. Though the thrilling battle had the packed house on its feet, Kenny looked terribly shopworn as he followed the fleet Canadian aimlessly around the ring, loading up while getting busted up. A notorious bleeder, Bogner began fauceting from the nose in the very first, and no later than the second was a bloody mess that even the vaunted Eddie Aliano couldn't stem. As brave as he was bloodied, Kenny continued trudging after DiCarlo, but eventually even his best fans couldn't see it going on. Ref Frank Cappuccino finally put an end to the butchery.

Kevin Brazier, 159, South Bend, Ind., annihilated Harold "Bubba" Souther, 158, Newburyport, Mass., at 2:07 of the second, scheduled six. Souther couldn't get out of the way of the long-armed Brazier, getting blasted to the canvas twice, the second time out cold! Ref, Cappuccino.

Switch-hitting Joey Negron, 131, Bridgeport, CT, appeared lucky to get a majority decision over Willie Ford, 129¾, Phila., in a nifty six. Willie was rocked and bloodied early, but seemed to have gained command over a tiring Negron in the second half. Grant voted 58-56 and Carter 58-57, while Strange appeared on target at 57-57. Ref, Battle.

Bobby Wadleigh, 151, Bucksport, ME, couldn't miss straight-up Brian Young, 152, Elkhart, Ind., with a variety of punches as Young was floored twice in the first and once in the second for a TKO at 1:06, scheduled four. Ref, Cappuccino.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Bruce Trampler.
Attendance: SRO, 1,207.
Timekeeper: Art Spell.
Announcer: Mike Buffer.
(7-21-87)

J.R. JOWETT

NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Leading jr. welterweight hopeful James "Buddy" McGirt turned in his usual workmanlike but unexciting performance with a fifth-round stoppage of Buffalo, N.Y.—based Roger Brown. McGirt (140, Brentwood, N.Y.) worked the body with great skill in the first three rounds, then switched his attack to the head. A picture-perfect right cross early in Round Five ended matters: Brown stood stock-still, like a stabbed bull, for five seconds before toppling over backwards, out cold. Referee Luis Rivera quit counting at seven, halting matters at 1:05. Brown, 10-10 with three kayoes, had beaten McGirt as an amateur, but it was hard to see how. He was willing but not competitive. His weight was announced as 138. McGirt, 34-1-1, 28 kayoes, should get a title shot any time now.

In the co-feature, popular middleweight Tyrone Trice (151, Milwaukee) made his Forum debut with an unpopular but unanimous decision over gutty Steve Little (151, Reading, Pa.). This was a real chess match: Trice jabbed and defended for the first eight rounds, letting the flurrying Little force the action, but came on strong in the last two stanzas to pull out the win. Judges Tony Castellano and Harold Lederman scored the bout 6-4, Trice; judge Barbara Perez had it 7-3. *The Ring* had it 5-4-1 for Trice, who went to 26-1, 21 kayoes. The crowd seemed to think that Little (14-6-1, four kayoes) had won; indeed, he was the more aggressive, and most rounds were very close. Fred Ucci refereed.

Popular Brooklyn heavy Seamus McDonagh, 179½, stayed unbeaten with a dull six-round win over Boston-based Willie Barnes, 183. Barnes apparently was interested only in surviving; he ran and held while McDonagh tried earnestly to land a finisher. Judges Perez and Lederman gave McDonagh the nod, 5-1; judge Castellano saw it 4-2. *The Ring's* score was 5-1 for McDonagh, who is 10-0-1, seven kayoes. He was urged on by an entourage of screaming nymphets who could have turned Humbert Humbert into a fight fan. The forgettable Barnes is 5-6, two kayoes. Charlie Norkus refereed.

In another six, Jorge Rivas (127, Spanish Harlem) went to 4-0, two kayoes, with a worthy decision over Daryl Copeland (128, Hillcrest, Md.). Rivas won every round on *The Ring's* scorecard, but Copeland, 1-3, had nothing to be ashamed of. It was a close fight, with plenty of smart boxing and hard slugging. The officials saw it as an even closer affair: Judges Perez and Castellano favored Rivas by 4-2, while judge Lederman gave it to Rivas, 5-1. The referee was Nick Drake.

Comic relief was provided by two mammoth heavyweights: Pete "The Preacher" Ludwinski (215, Massapequa Park, N.Y.) improved to 4-1, three kayoes with a four-round unanimous decision over debuting Garing Lane (276, Hillcrest, Md.). Lane looks like a black Curly Howard and fights like Tony Galento; Ludwinski is a crude brawler who throws every punch from the heels. One of his wild lefts caught referee Charlie Norkus pretty solidly, but the former heavyweight contender shook it off with no ill effects. Ludwinski sustained a bad cut over the right eye in the second, but still got the nod, 4-0 from judges Lederman and Castellano, 3-1 from judge Perez. *The Ring* had a 2-2 draw.

Debuting Terminator Coles (Terminator is apparently his given name) beat Esteban Rodriguez by unanimous decision in a hard-fought four. Coles (163, Brooklyn) couldn't miss with his right and turned Rodriguez's face into a leaky, overripe tomato. Rodriguez (165, Ponce, Puerto Rico) fought his heart out but just didn't have the tools. Judges Perez and Lederman gave Coles every round, as did *The Ring;* judge Castellano had it 3-1. Rodriguez is now 0-2; Nick Drake refereed.

Tough Pedro Marquez (166, Brooklyn) improved to 3-2, two kayoes, by stopping Johnny Cummings (162, The Bronx) at 2:53 of the first in a scheduled four. It was slow going until Marquez suddenly opened up and hurt Cummings (1-3) in the closing seconds, and ref Luis Rivera stopped it at once. The stoppage looked premature, but was probably correct. Marquez showed intelligence and splendid timing, and may be better than his record indicates.

In a heavyweight bout scheduled for four, Alex Stewart improved to 4-0, three kayoes, in the process spoiling the debut of Dennis Cain by stopping him at 1:08 of the second. Stewart (218, Brooklyn) decked Cain with a sneaky right at the end of the opening round, then caught Cain in a corner in the first minute of the second and pummelled him until ref Fred Ucci stopped it. Cain, who hails from Hillcrest Md. (a popular town this night, apparently), tipped in at 195.

The walkout four-rounder was short and sweet: Israel Rod-

griguez (123, The Bronx) started his career on the right note with a one-punch clean kayo of Walter Gallman (119, Newark, N.J.) at 1:25 of the first. Gallman (0-4) went over backwards from a classic right hand, and ref Drake's 10-count was a mere formality.
Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Attendance: 1,453.
(8-6-87)

JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN

▶**SCHENECTADY**—Albany's 21-year-old Stephen Frost captured a 10-round decision over 30-year-old Ralph Smiley.
Each weighed 160 pounds.
A scheduled six-rounder ended in the fourth as Hartford, Connecticut's Richard Holloway, 165, scored a TKO over Calway's Larry Wilkins, who came in at 173.
Another scheduled six ended even faster when Schenectady's Teeka Gingh, 116¼, stopped Baltimore's David Scott, 121¾, in the second.
Jeff White, 154, Catskill, won a four-round verdict from Baltimore's Timothy Davis, 155.
Troy's Kevin Pompey, 152½, took a four-round nod from Baltimore's Keith Martin, 153½.
John McIlhenny, 220, Hudson, knocked out Hector Merced, 198, Lowell, Massachusetts, in the second round of a scheduled four.
Promoter: Tri City Promotions.
Judges: Morrette, Kintz & Pier.
Referees: Zimmer & Rubinstein.
Physician: Gort.
(7-7-87)

NORTH DAKOTA

▶**MINOT—All Seasons Arena, State Fair Grounds**—Williston light heavyweight Virgil Hill ran his record to 18-0 with an easy 10-round unanimous decision over Hilliard "Junior" Edmond of Newark, NJ, in the main attraction as part of the state fair festivities.
In the early rounds, Hill stalked his opponent and used his left hand almost exclusively as Edmond seemed content to move around the ring slowly and hope for the opening that never came. A Hill right to the face of Edmond early in the fifth brought Junior out of his shell briefly and the two exchanged good punches for nearly a minute. By the eighth round, condition began to tell and Hill was able to land some solid punches on his tired foe. In the 10th, Hill nailed Edmond with a solid right that shook the Jersey-ite, followed by a left hook, but Edmond weathered the storm. The judges voted 100-90, 100-87 and 100-94.
After the fight, Hill said, "I wanted to put on a better show. But I'm not in the real big habit of always taking it to my opponent. I had to take it to him and I learned a lot just from that."
Mark Strickland, 153, Williston, had Robbie Stowell, 153, Calgary, on the canvas in each of the first three rounds before referee Richard Steele stopped the fight at 0:48 of the third round.
Ray Thompson, Las Vegas, stopped debuting Matt Brey of Denver at 2:45 of the third round.
Promoter: Jerry Iverson.
Referees: Ricard Steele & Ed Obregon.
Judges: Bob Walsh, Gordon Grayston & Randy Billinghurst.
Attendance: 1,200.
(7-19-87)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

OKLAHOMA

▶**OKLAHOMA CITY—Trade Winds Central**—Okmulgee, Oklahoma's Mark Hammon returned from a four-month layoff to score a three-round TKO over Bobby Langford.
The win left Hammon 8-2, all wins by KO, with Langford slipping to 7-7.
Hammon's layoff was due to opponents dropping out of scheduled bouts.
"Mark doesn't feel really good about the fight," said Hammon's manager Ron Warrior. "He wanted a more competitive bout. But it was good for him just to get back into the ring and his schedule will pick up now in the next few weeks."
(7-30-87)
▶**OKLAHOMA CITY—Trade Winds Central**—Okmulgee, Oklahoma's Mark Hammon scored a unanimous four-round decision over Vernon Garrett to improve his record to 9-2 with eight KOs.
All three judges scored 40-37 as Garrett fell to 10-5-1.
"It was a tough fight, but Mark was never really in any trouble," said Ron Warrior, manager of the local lightweight. "Garrett was a tough customer. Mark hit him with some pretty good shots, but he kept hanging in there."
(8-4-87)

OREGON

▶**PORTLAND—Kliever Armory**—In a helter-skelter main event, Rick Jarvis (162) of Portland was in trouble early with inside slugger Rich Lafever (161) of Kelso, Wa. Jarvis was nearly finished in the first when Lafever decked him with a sucker punch on the break. Lafever was docked a point by referee Phil Moyer and Jarvis survived. The pair slugged on with Jarvis ripping the much shorter Lafever with uppercuts until the ref called a halt in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. TKO win for Jarvis.
Middleweight Ken Smith of Marysville, Wa. KO'd Milt Bennet of Vancouver, Wa. in the second round of a scheduled four.
Billy Martinez of Albany, Or. won a split decision in six rounds of lightweight action with Abel Infante of Hillsboro, Or.
Doug McNatt of Eugene, Or. decisioned Jack Phillips of McMinnville, Or. in a four-round jr. middleweight bout.
Judges: Ben Laford, George Robinson & Paul Weitzel.
Referees: Jim Cassidy & Phil Moyer.
Physician: Dr. Robert Lorey.
Promoter: Bob Oleson.
Gate: 800 (est.).
(7-31-87)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**LANCASTER—Host Farms Resort**—On paper this one looked competitive; on canvas it presented a completely different rendering. I repeat, completely different. In a scheduled 12-round bout for the Pennsylvania super bantamweight championship, defending boss, Johnny Carter, 121, Phila., proved too much of everything for Sam David, 122, Phillipsburg, N.J. (billed out of Easton, Pa., where he trains), as he scored a KO win at 1:09 of Round Two.
The slick "Dancing Machine" could do no wrong. David, listed on the bout sheet as, "a rugged, all-out competitor who has over-achieved throughout much of his career," was in way over his head. He would just end up lunging hopelessly forward as Carter practiced his combinations at will. Sam stuck that chin out there just one more time and Johnny couldn't resist the invitation to unload. At the one minute mark, a pretty right uppercut/left hook met the incoming target and down went David, face first. Referee Frank Cappuccino didn't have to even finish his count.
Billed as a "crossroads" fight by promoter J. Russell Peltz, the win (33-4, 20 KOs) gives Carter's waning career a solid boost. With the loss, David (16-2-3) would well be advised to scan the want ads.
In the chief supporting bout, the style of a loser had the smile of a winner as Sydney Gantz, 158¼, Lancaster, came out on top via an eight-round split decision over Ed Priester, 155, Phila. Except for a strong first round, Gantz spent much of the remaining minutes advancing to the rear in pained resignation. A none too frisky Priester failed to capitalize, however, and it cost him at the end.
In a scheduled six, Chris Organtini used his natural bull-like strength to quickly wear down Han Kim, 137, Silver Springs, Md., and win by TKO at 2:14 of the fourth. Kim started out as if he possessed the skills of a seasoned veteran. Organtini, 137, Norristown, Pa., was even decked by a stiff jab in the opening round. Midway in the next round however, Kim mysteriously began to fade. Chris just galloped right through him from that point on, and in the fourth, after Kim was floored once, Cappuccino stopped the bout.
In a pairing of pro debuts, Maurice Johnson, 159, Wilmington, Dela., had an easy time of it as he dropped Mike Walb, 162, Reading, Pa., twice in the first round to score a KO win at 2:28 of that round. Walb, a southpaw, couldn't get out of his own way, let alone the punches thrown by Johnson. Scheduled for four, the ref was Battle.
In a good action four, Albert Rolle, 161, Ft. Pierce, Fl. (now out of Phila.), and debuting Dale Serafino, 158, Reading, boxed to a draw. Battle voted 18-17 for Serafino, while Polis and Adilade Triplett both had 18-18. Ref; Cappuccino.
Tony Jackson, 137, Phila., Pa., got a two-round KO win when he stormed from his corner and unloaded a left hook that felled Curtis Roach, 141, Reading, for the full count. The time was just 0:14. Scheduled for six, the referee was Battle.
Timekeeper: J.P. Mena.
Promoter and matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance: 400 (est.).
(7-22-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—In a disgraceful performance, Robert Hines, 156, Logan (Phila.), helped himself to a TKO over invading Donald Bowers, 156½, Jackson, TN, at 1:38 of the second, scheduled 10. Bowers suffered a cut left eye in the first, then was sent reeling by a left cross from the southpaw in the second. Falling to one knee along the ropes, Bowers was flagrantly nailed by two more lefts as Hines held the top rope for additional leverage! Ref Rudy Battle failed to cite any fouls, while Donald stumbled to his feet in distress. Battle then stopped the fight, supplemented by a towel-tossing fan in the balcony.
The loser's corner protested indignantly, then had to remove Bowers to a hospital as his eye continued to leak blood from the socket. The victor, who had lost two points for fouling in his previous fight, justified his despicable tactics, saying, "The ref said to protect yourself at all times, and I took full advantage of it." The referee's alleged failure to act has the outcome under protest.
Sidney Outlaw and Troy Watson had to battle blistering heat as well as each other, and the heat eventually won. For four rounds of eight, the two exchanged at a furious pace with Watson rocking Outlaw only to be met by redoubled vigor from Sidney. It was an impossible exchange rate for a mid-summer scorcher, with the battle simmering down in the second half. Sidney, 163¼, N. Phila., managed to keep the bigger, stronger Troy, 160½, Baltimore, from pinning him against the ropes and maneuvered his way to a deserved unanimous win. Joe O'Neil scored 38-34, Lynne Carter 37-34, and John Carroll 37-35. Ref, Battle.
Vaughn "Turtle" Hooks, 176, W. Phila., came out of his shell for a rare appearance, beating Tony Golden, 177, Racine, WI, by unanimous decision in a dreary eight. Hooks outclassed Golden, having him down and nearly gone in the first only to have the survival artist turn it into a waltz. After several dull sessions, Hooks got going again and floored Golden with a body beating in the sixth. Again, Tony escaped, then gave the hero a scare when he rocked Vaughn with a sneak right to start the final round. Ref, John Carroll.
Frankie Mitchell, 132¼, S. Phila., blew out Doug Pettiford, 130, Wilmington, with a two-knockdown TKO at 2:32 of the first, scheduled eight. The feisty Pettiford normally fights for his life, but looked like a dishrag in this one. Ref, Carroll.
Nate Miller, 188½, Germantown (Phila.), dropped Harry Savage, 190, N. Phila., to close the first, with Harry not out for the second of four. Ref, Battle.
Robert Hightower, 131, N. Phila., outclassed Enrique Otero, 129, Bronx via N. Phila., early, then withstood a determined surge to gain a unanimous win in a fine four. Ref, Carroll.
Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance: 868, $10,200.
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(8-18-87)
▶**PHILADELPHIA—J & A Caterers**—Marvin Garris, 138, Phila., got a brisk workout at the expense of useful Earl Sabbar, 138, a Jamaican fighting out of Portsmouth, VA, who was stopped after four of a scheduled eight. Sabbar proved a perfect opponent, making Garris open up in spirited action, but unable to match the local's speed and skill. Marvin's fans loved the beating the visitor was taking until an enlightened Sabbar elected to remain in his corner. Ref, Ozzie Sadler.
After what happened to teammate Holloway in the previous bout, savvy vet Jose "Speedy" Gonzalez, 136, Lancaster, mocked the officials and scorned fans with a quit job against Rodney Moore, 138, Phila., in a scheduled eight. Speedy went down from a left hook to the ribs at the bell ending the first, affected a dramatic display of agony, then protested plaintively when the doctor halted the bout between rounds. Ref, Tommy Reid.
The cause of Speedy's discretionary exit may well have been an unenviable display of officiating in which Mark Frazier, 164, Phila., was awarded a split-decision "homer" over Rich Holloway, 165, Troy, NY, six. The bout itself was a sensational slugfest, with the crude but determined visitor virtually willing himself into the contest with the more skilled local. A blazing final-round surge seemed to pull Frazier even at best, but Lynne Carter and Carol Polis gave him the verdict, both 28-27, while Al Morris had Holloway, 29-27. Ref, Sadler.
Curtis Mathis, 129, Phila., boxed a little too well for willing Alberto Alicea, 131, Troy, to score a close, unanimous win in a crowd-pleasing four. Ref, Reid.
Promoter: Tom Frazier (Datom Promotions, Inc.).
Matchmaker: Gary Hegyi.
Attendance: 225, $3,000 (est.).
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina.
Announcer: Hank Kropinski.
(8-13-87)

J.R. JOWETT

PUERTO RICO

▶**SAN JUAN—San Juan Hotel & Casino**—The WBA's 10th-rated junior featherweight, Julio Gervasio, improved his record to 14-0 with 12 knockouts when he stopped Texan Carlos Flores in the fifth round.
Flores looked as if he was going to go in the first when Julio had him on queer street, but he managed to survive until the inevitable knockout when the ref wisely stopped the uneven match in the fifth.
Gervasio was too big and strong for his stocky opponent.
In another 10, Jose "Cheito" Ruiz improved his mark to 8-2 when he scored a win over his previous conqueror, Pedro "Kiriki" Feliciano. These light flyweights fought a spirited encounter of continuous give-and-take with Ruiz taking a decisive edge.

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A third 10 saw junior welter Jorge Maysonet, 13-2, escape some anxious moments in the early part of his encounter against the more experienced Ivan Montalvo, 28-5, to score a sensational five-round KO with an incessant barrage to the head that forced the ref to call a very wise halt.

Undefeated lightweight prospect Fernando Maldonado won his seventh straight when he scored a knockout over Jorge Osorio, 6-1-1, in the fifth round. Osorio was no match for the sharp-shooting Maldonado, who appears to be one of the better prospects to appear on local horizons in quite awhile.

Junior feather Angel Vargas scored an eight-round TKO over Orlando Santiago in a spirited encounter. Angel won his seventh against only one defeat and had his toughest test to date. Santiago fought well until the fatal eighth, but the pace was too much for him.

Welter Juan Kalule took a spirited four-rounder from Onassis Rivera.

Lightweight Luis Ennrique won his third straight, a four-rounder over Martin Rivera, who was making his pro debut.

Promoter: Video-Deportes Inc.
(8-8-87)

▶**SAN JUAN—Caribe Hilton—**Junior middleweight Carlos Santos disposed of William Clayton in the first round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

The unknown Clayton was no match for Santos, who went after his opponent in windmill fashion the moment the bell sounded. A left-right combo by Santos did the trick.

In a bout scheduled for the UBA (?) heavyweight title, Jimmy Clark disposed of an inefficient Robert Obey in the third round. The less said of this bout, the better.

In six, junior bantam Mario Cordero won an interesting encounter from Carlos Saez.

A four-round junior welterweight scrap saw Mario's brother, Jorge, win by decision against Carlos Silva.
(7-14-87)

▶**ISLA VERDE—Hotel San Juan**—Gilberto Espinosa and Jose "Pepo" Quinones were scheduled to fight for the local middleweight title, but both came in a bit overweight, canceling the title designation.

Both were coming in with upsets in their previous encounters, Espinosa having taken the measure of Kenny Styles, while Quinones had surprised Doug DeWitt.

The Puerto Rican Boxing Commission finally approved the fight, but not for the title, with Quinones being declared the winner after 10 uninteresting rounds. Espinosa fought on the defensive and what action there was was dominated by Quinones. Neither appeared too concerned about demolishing the other and, at times, it appeared as if it was a sparring session more than a real fight. Maybe the fact that it was not for the title cooled off their enthusiasm or maybe it was just a question of styles.

In another 10, former bantam champion Julian Solis had to go the distance to take a decision from Victor Baez Martinez. Solis, a splendid boxer of the old school, outboxed his rival to win the well-deserved nod.

A third 10 saw Dominican junior feather Tommy Valoy return to ring action for the first time since his disastrous title-match loss to Louie Espinoza, and Valoy did not find the going too easy against Mexican Javier Ruiz. Though dropped in the first round, Ruiz came back to make a fight of it the rest of the way and for awhile had the crowd rooting for him because of his underdog status. It was Valoy by decision, but he knew he had been in a fight.

A fourth 10 saw WBA flyweight contender Juan Carazo take a tough 10-round decision from William Ramos. Ramos was expected to go easily and quickly, and it looked that way in the first round when he was dropped by the heavy-fisted Carazo. But Ramos managed to last through the first and made it rough for Carazo the rest of the way.

A highly interesting four-rounder saw bantam Miguel Santos surprise by taking the decision from favored Wilfredo Vargas.
(7-30-87)

▶**SAN JUAN—Pedrin Zorilla Coliseum**—Featherweight Nelson Rodriguez scored a three-round KO over New Yorker Christopher Diaz.

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Diaz was no match for the fast-stepping Nelson who, in his last encounter, surprised by fighting a 10-round draw against Antonio Esparragoza.

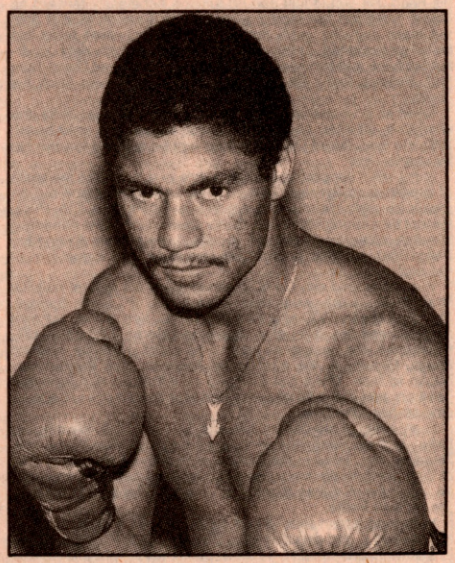
Bantamweight Melquiades Acevedo won by unanimous decision over Juan Figueroa.

Welterweight Juan Rosario scored a three-round KO over Gabriel Chevere.

Flyweight Alex Serrano had no trouble decisioning Jesus Pena.

Featherweight Carlos Saez won by close decision over Jose Cotto.

Featherweight Sammy Mejias outpointed Gelasio Morales.
(6-13-87)



Sammy Fuentes got back on the winning track with a six-round kayo over Nick Parker in San Juan.

▶**SAN JUAN—Caribe Hilton Hotel**—Puerto Rican heavyweight Dennis Jackson, a Muhammad Ali lookalike, belabored Larry Phelps, causing the referee to stop the mismatch in the fourth of a scheduled 10.

Not too much credit can be given to Jackson, who appeared out of condition at 220 pounds.

Another 10 saw lightweight Sammy Fuentes return to action after recent USA losses to score an easy six-round KO over Nick Parker. Fuentes, on the road to a lightweight title match, suddenly went sour in his recent stateside presentations and is back on the island in an attempt to regain his former status as a contender.

Another 10 saw Dominican lightweight hope Jose Vidal Concepcion win a TKO victory over the persistent Julio C. Gonzalez. Julio gave Vidal more than he had expected for a few rounds, but Vidal proved too strong in the long run.

In six, Edwin Ruiz continued his winning ways when he scored a TKO win over fellow lightweight Santos Diaz.

The best bout of the evening saw junior welters Carlos Silva and Carlos Rivera fight four hectic rounds to a draw.

The opening four saw featherweight Carlos Osorio score a two-round KO over Edwin Pinto.
(6-25-87)

▶**SAN JUAN—San Juan Hotel**—Tenth-ranked WBA super featherweight Julio Gervacio scored an easy fourth-round KO over Jess Hanna of Indianapolis.

This win improved Gervacio's record to 13-0-2 and put him in line for a title match against WBA titleholder Louie Espinoza. Hanna was no match for the heavy hitting Dominican, who is now a resident of Puerto Rico.

In another 10-rounder, lightweight Fernando Maldonado improved his record to 6-0 when he surprised Tomasito Rodriguez by scoring a seventh-round knockout over his more experienced opponent. Despite an advantage in height, weight and know-how, Rodriguez could not cope with Fernando's hand speed and the ref stopped the event to save Rodriguez from further unnecessary punishment.

A third 10 saw island welter champ Danny Garcia score a three-round TKO over Luis Alvarado. Garcia, being groomed as a possible Mark Breland opponent, continues to look impressive and was ahead on points when the ref called a halt with Alvarado on the receiving end of a volley of lefts and rights that produced a bad cut on his forehead.

In another 10, WBA junior flyweight contender Jose de Jesus encountered little trouble in scoring a quick KO over Jorge Ortiz, who was stopped in the second heat.

Junior flyweight Wilfredo Vargas made his pro debut in sensational style when he KO'd Evy Vasquez in the first with an all-out attack from the moment the initial bell sounded.

Undefeated lightweight prospect Angel Vargas impressed with a second-round KO over Israel Santiago.

The opening four saw welter Jose Martinez fight an interesting draw against Nelson Solano.
(6-6-87)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS—Omni-Daisy Theatre**—Knox Brown, Memphis, 161, scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Gary Thomas, Evansville, Indiana, 164.

Brown took scores of 98-94, 97-93 and 97-94 in improving his record to 26-9-1.

Brown was coming off a three-month layoff, but that was nothing compared to New York heavyweight Art Tucker. The 28-year-old who stands 6-6 and weighs 210 raised his record to 3-0 by surviving a first-round knockdown to stop Memphis' Mike Jones, 217, in the second round.

Tucker was making his first start since leaving the confines of New Jersey's Rahway State Prison.

"I rode along with two guys who said they were going to get some money back from guys," Tucker told Pete Wickham of *The Commercial Appeal* in Memphis. "Next thing I knew, there were guns."

Two drug dealers died, and Tucker was on his way to prison.

"That was my first mistake," Tucker recalled. "The other was following the code of the streets. The dumbest thing I ever did. It cost me 12 years."

When James Scott began making some noise in the boxing game, Tucker found a spot on a couple of shows televised from Rahway. But when Scott hit the skids, Tucker spent five years counting the change he had made.

"The amateurs could still fight, but all I had was the heavy bag," said Tucker.

A grant of clemency freed Tucker to continue his pro boxing career, but Jones, unbeaten in three previous bouts, may have given him second thoughts when he dropped Tucker in the first. Tucker, however, roared back to deck Jones twice in the second of the scheduled four.

"I got hit, and then I went to war," Tucker told Wickham. "He would have had to kill me to beat me tonight. I had waited too long. Do you know what it's like to lose your sight or one of your senses and suddenly get it back again? That's a little of what I feel."

Greg Dickson, 153, Memphis, went to 12-1 with a three-round stoppage of Chester Jackson, 156, Osceola, Arkansas, in a scheduled six.

Covington's Chuck Glover, 140, upped his mark to 17-2 with a six-round unanimous decision over Randy Reedy, 134, Evansville, Indiana. Reedy slipped to 14-6.

The opener ended abruptly when Dean Meadows, 154, Evansville, Indiana, knocked out Ken Louis, 150, Greenville, Mississippi, in the first of a slated six.

Promoter: Tom Harmon & Mid South Boxing, Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner.
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Attendance: 600 (est.).
(8-4-87)

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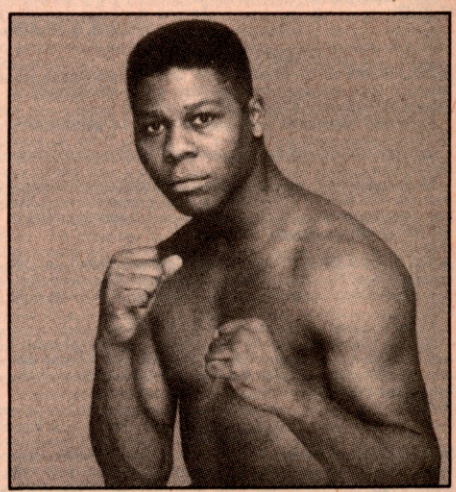

Tyrell Biggs tuned up for his scheduled title bout with Mike Tyson, stopping Lorenzo Boyd in three on the Warren-Nieves undercard in Corpus Christi.

▶**CORPUS CHRISTI—Memorial Coliseum**—Although all but one fight ended in an early knockout, and several could have been termed mismatches, promoter Dan Duva's "Night of Number Ones" served its purpose. Main Events was able to give two of its premier fighters some needed work, and the avid boxing fans of Corpus Christi saw local favorites old and new take out their opponents in spectacular fashion.

World-ranked Frankie Warren ran his record to 24-0 with 18 KOs with a fourth-round stoppage of outmanned Efrien Nieves. The best news for Warren was announced immediately afterward, however. "Panchito" will finally get a long-awaited shot at

the junior welterweight title when he faces WBA champ Juan Coggi in early September.

Nieves, as expected, stayed away from Warren in Round One, flicking an occasional jab in a vain attempt to stop the ever-charging Texan. The Milwaukee-based product was trapped briefly on the ropes in Round Two, and received enough hard body punches from Warren to visibly slow his retreat.

Nieves, unfortunately, made an effort to keep the fight in the middle of the ring for Round Three.

Warren, not surprisingly, worked well when the action moved inside, dishing out a torrid body attack. By the end of Round Four, Warren had moved the assault upstairs, finding Nieves with several solid rights to the head.

After inspection of a split ear and bloodied nose by the ringside physician, the battered Nieves wisely decided not to come out for Round Five.

Both fighters weighed in at 140. Referee, Barry Yeats.

James Pipps of Vidor, Texas, needed just three rounds to defend his WBC Continental America's bantamweight title against Jesus Munoz. Munoz, 119, fighting out of Juarez, Mexico, appeared to be in the fight through the first two rounds but succumbed to a barrage of punches that left the Mexican fighter in a heap at the end of the third round. Time of the stoppage was 2:35. Referee, Yeats.

Sentimental favorite, Robert Elizondo, 136, thrilled the overflow crowd of his fellow Corpus Christians by demolishing John Senegal, 137, of Port Arthur in Round Two of their scheduled 10-round lightweight bout. Elizondo, who was looking for an easier fight after facing the likes of Warren and Vinny Pazienza, found just that in Senegal. After landing countless combinations in the first round, Elizondo decked Senegal twice midway through Round Two. Going for the kill, the veteran warrior displayed a picture perfect example of how to work the body and come up to the head, as he again dropped his foe for the mandatory stoppage. Referee Lefty Barrera called it off at the 2:45 mark.

Tyrell Biggs, in town for a tuneup before his anticipated fight with undisputed heavyweight champ Mike Tyson, was definitely not hitting on all cylinders at the beginning of his bout with journeyman Lorenzo Boyd. Ex-Olympian Biggs, admittedly fighting overweight at 235, could not find the smaller 201-pounder with anything potent in the early going and was even backed into the ropes by a flurry of punches at one point. The course of the fight changed abruptly at the end of Round Two when a Biggs uppercut sent Boyd to one knee. After another knockdown at the beginning of Round Three, Biggs pursued the dazed Boyd into a neutral corner and ended the fight with a brutal combination of punches, prompting ref Jesse Garza to stop it at 1:12.

Also of interest to local fans was crisp-punching Eddie Rangel's fourth-round TKO stoppage of McAllen's Juan Castillano, 118½, in a fast-paced bantamweight bout. Rangel, 119, of San Antonio, raised his record to 20-3, and is now set to face Corpus Christi's Roland Gomez for his WBC Continental Americas crown. Referee, Barerra.

Starting out the card saw Corpus Christi's Ricky Alvarez, 129, outslug tough Troy Lair of Houston, 128½, stopping him at 2:14 of Round Five of a scheduled six. Referee, Garza.

Promoter: Main Events.
Matchmaker: Wayne Harrison.
Judges: John Whitley, Santos Ronja & Dennis Collins.
Physician: Xico Garcia.
Announcer: David Donaldson.
Timekeeper: Rudy Rivera.
Attendance: 4,200.
(7-31-87)

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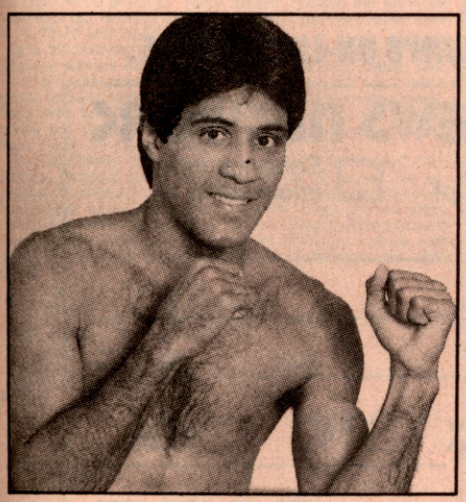

Former IBF lightweight king Harry Arroyo keeps plugging away. He recently stopped off in Harlingen long enough to outpoint Texan Reggie Robinson in 10.

▶**HARLINGEN**—Former IBF lightweight champion Harry Arroyo, 141, Ohio, scored a unanimous 10-round decision win over Texan Reggie Robinson, 142.

New Mexico's Sam Huston, 152, stopped Texan Efren Olivo, 151, at 2:59 of the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Ricky Alvarez, 130, Texas, won a majority six-round decision from Eddie Gonzales, 131, Texas.

Texan Isidro Trujano, 136, knocked out New Mexico's Enrique Avalos, 136, at 2:20 of the fourth and final round.

Ray Huerta Jr. scored a TKO at 1:25 of the second round over fellow-Texan Juan Soto, 129.

Jesus Cuevas, 118, New Mexico, needed just 1:23 to dispose of Fernando Puentes, 117, New Mexico.

Promoter: Ringside Texas.
Physician: Caballero.
Referee: Flores.
Timekeepers: Iglesias & Perez.
Judges: Wells, Ledesma & Avalos.
(7-3-87)

▶**HOUSTON—Marriot Brookhollow**—Two eight-rounders headlined this four-bout card, Tim Rabon and Frankie Swindell making sure those in attendance didn't have to sit around long.

Rabon, 147, Louisiana, needed just 2:42 to end his bout with Johnny Johnson, 147, Texas.

Swindell, 177, Tennessee, took 14 seconds longer to stop Florida's Manuel Murillo, 171.

The longest bout on the card saw Texan Ron Collins, 163, knock out Louisiana's Ronnie Butler, 163, at 2:17 of the sixth and final round.

Anthony Williams, 145, Texas, stopped Louisiana's Darrell Batiste, 145, at 2:20 of the fourth and final session.

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▶**SAN ANTONIO**—New Mexico's Rodolfo Batta, 142, stopped Texan Ricky Stoner, 143, at 1:55 of the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Another scheduled 10 also ended in the fourth, Duane Prim, 139, Texas, knocking out Javier Varela, 137, New Mexico, in 1:47.

A battle of Texans lasted the scheduled 10; Gilbert Antoine, 142, scoring a unanimous decision over Robert Ochoa, 141.

Ernesto Albanil, 164, Texas, scored a four-round unanimous decision win over Joe Kennedy, 159, Texas.

Joe Rodriguez, 117, Texas, won by majority decision in four rounds over Javier Mora, 118, Texas.

Promoter: Ringside Productions.
Physician: Guimbarda.
Referees: Coronado & Jaramillo.
Timekeepers: Gavin & Felan.
Judges: Esperon & Zuniga.
(7-14-87)

▶**FORT WORTH**—Just 14 rounds of boxing—two fights—were scheduled for this card, Troy Dorsey, 126, Texas, knocking out Santae Wilson, 126, Texas, at 1:26 of the sixth round of the main event, which was scheduled for nine rounds.

Bryan Dorsey, 140, Texas, posted a unanimous five-round decision over California's Mike Byrne, 139.

Promoter: Larry Caster/All Star.
Physician: Owen.
Referee: Jimmy Choate.
Timekeeper: David Caster
Judges: James Burleson, Bob Loewenotien & Timothy Kirby.
(7-18-87)

VIRGINIA

▶**NORFOLK—The Scope**—Before a hometown crowd, Pernell "Sweet Pea" Whitaker, Norfolk, ravaged Miguel Santana in six rounds, picking up the United States Boxing Association lightweight title in the process. Whitaker had already owned the NABF crown, decisioning Roger Mayweather for that distinction in March.

Santana, of the Bronx, entered the contest with a 20-1-1 record. His only loss had been a squeaker to Terrence Alli last September. He was rated in the top 10 by both the WBC and the IBF.

Whitaker's superiority was evident just two minutes into the fight, when he staggered Santana with a left. Santana returned to his corner wobbly and cut over his right eye. Whitaker couldn't miss, primarily because Santana insisted on lunging in with looping right hands. He showed little movement.

In Round Two, Whitaker nearly closed the show. Santana hit the deck twice, both due to endless flurries of straight lefts and right hooks with some potent body work thrown in.

Although Santana's handlers convinced referee Al Rothenberger and the ringside physician that their fighter could continue, they shouldn't have wasted their time. Rounds Three and Four were uneventful, but with about a minute left in the fifth round, Whitaker ripped a right hook to the body that bent Santana in half. For the remainder of the round, Whitaker pounded Santana from both sides.

The body attack rendered Santana a stationary target in the sixth. Whitaker kept bouncing left hands off of his opponent's face, wobbling him with every shot. Rothenberger finally spared a brave but battererd Santana at 1:02 of the sixth round. There were no complaints. Both boxers scaled 134½.

When asked about why he let Santana last as long as he did, Whitaker joked, "My managers and trainer make all the decisions, I'm just the fighter. If I do anything wrong, it's their fault. I felt sensational."

Whitaker, managed by Shelley Finkel and Lou Duva and trained by George Benton, is 14-0 (eight knockouts).

On the undercard, junior lightweight John John Molina, 131½, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, rebounded from his knockout loss to Lupe Suarez in May by punishing Richard Campbell, 130, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Campbell was unable to come out for the fourth round. Molina is 15-1.

Six-foot-six Mike Rouse, 228, Chesapeake, Virginia, decisioned Delen Parsley, 262, New York City, over six. Rouse is

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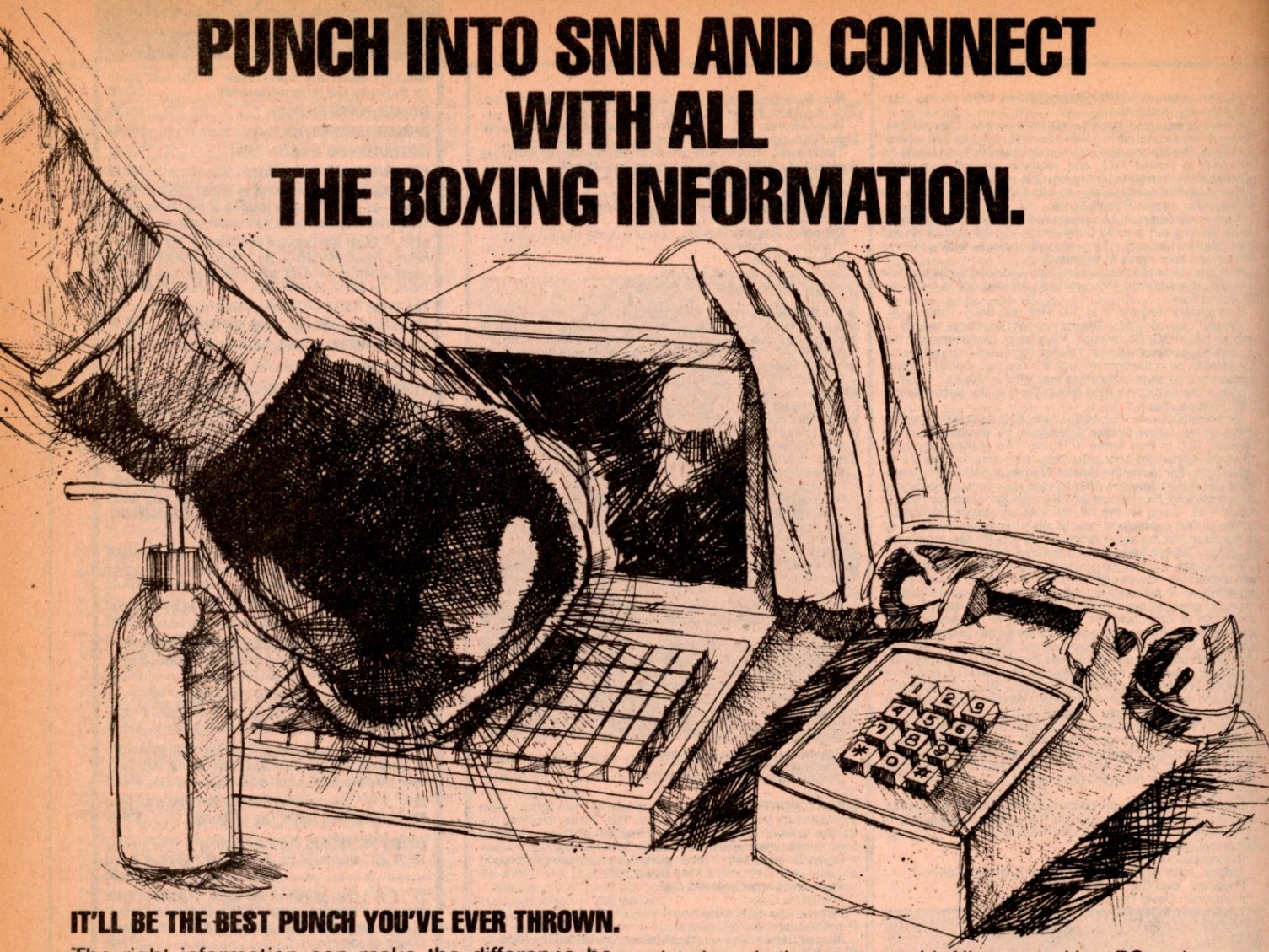

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8-0 (four knockouts) and bears some attention. There were no knockdowns.

Ismael Negron, 157, Newark, New Jersey, took a six-round decision from Don Johnson, 157, Brooklyn. Johnson was down in the fourth. Negron is 10-4.

Attendance: 4,408.

Promoter: Main Events.

Announcer: Bruce Rader.

(6-25-87)

STEVE WALDMAN

CANADA

▶**HALIFAX—Halifax Metro Centre**—Donovan Boucher, 147, Toronto, KO'd Danny Winters, Parrsboro, N.S., at 1:56 of the seventh round to win the vacant Canadian welterweight title.

Boucher was in control throughout and scored three knockdowns with hard right-hand punches to the head of Winters before scoring the KO.

Boucher was scheduled to meet Chris Clarke of Halifax for the vacant title until Clarke withdrew with a reported elbow injury. Winters took the fight, but was not experienced enough to be a real title threat.

Mark Adams, 136, Parrsboro, was fully extended before winning a split eight-round decision over Calgary's Mike Short, 136.

Wayne Gordon, 150, Lr. Sackville, N.S., stopped Toronto's Robin Smith, 148, at 1:53 of the fifth of a tough, rugged scheduled eight.

In a heavyweight six, Dartmouth's Norman Logan, 224, was too strong for Edmonton's Blake Gabriel, 200, winning by KO in the fifth.

Over four rounds, Allan Cormier, 168, Shediac, N.B., won by split decision over George Munroe, 167, Halifax.

Drake Thadzi, Shadiac, N.B., stopped Ken Barlow, 182, Shadiac, N.B., at 1:25 of the second round of a slated four.

Promoter: Fight Nite Promotions.

Referees: Earle, Carvery & Hollett.

Judges: McNeil, Wilson & Bryden.

Timekeeper: Alguire.

Announcer: Connolly.

Physician: Johnson.

Attendance: 1,200 (est.).

(7-7-87)

▶**BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO—Quintre Sports Arena**—A solid, four-bout undercard saved this promotion when the 10-round main event between Toronto's Shawn O'Sullivan and Indiana's Rick Kaiser turned out to be a real dud.

Both showed nothing, the initial round consisting of no action whatever as neither contestant came close to landing or receiving a punch. It was more than halfway through Round Two before O'Sullivan moved in. He backed Kaiser up with a couple of blows, one of which caught Kaiser above the right eye and opened a cut. Immediately, Kaiser dropped to one knee in his corner with one second remaining in the round. He did not answer the bell for Round Three.

Kaiser, who matched O'Sullivan's 149 pounds, gave the fans the impression he was not all that anxious and willing to trade punches with O'Sullivan.

An eight-round bout had Indiana's Victorio Belcher, 140, showing fine boxing form to wear down Guyana's Michael Benjamin, 141, for a stoppage at 2:31 of the fifth. Belcher, with good ring movement and fine combination punching, scored two knockdowns in the fifth and had Benjamin in real trouble when referee Harry Davis rightly stepped in and called a halt.

Toronto middleweight Sadik Sulemana, 163, was fully extended by Kevin Brazier, 159, Indiana, before winning a unanimous eight-round decision. Twice Brazier buckled the knees of Sulemana, but failed to follow his advantage. The scores were 79-74, 79-75 and 78-75.

By far the best and most exciting bout on the card was between Indiana's Norman Bates, 134, and Ottawa's Greg Gayle, 135. For a full 24 minutes, the two traded punches. For the first five rounds, Bates continually beat Gayle to the punch to ease ahead. Gayle came on strong in the final two rounds, but not enough to wipe out the lead of his opponent. Two judges scored for Bates, 78-76, 79-76, while the third saw it 77-77.

Pat McWilliams, 139, Belleville, and Brent Schroader, 139, Sudbury, staged a good, old-fashioned Pier Six brawl. The aggressive, tenacious Schroader stuck closer to his opponent than Scotch tape, never giving him a chance to set and do some boxing. McWilliams had his work cut out, trying to defend himself against punches that were coming from all angles. A draw, well received by those on hand, was the official decision after eight rounds.

Promoter: W.D. Promotions.

Referees: Harry Davis & Ed Gaudet.

Judges: Williams, Cormier, Davis & Gaudet.

Timekeepers: Shillilo & Paris.

Announcer: Wylie.

Physicians: Nelis & Loder.

Attendance: 3,500.

(8-1-87)

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ARGENTINA

▶**SALTA—Estadio Polideportivo**—An interesting match was scheduled between South American welterweight champion Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo and former world challenger Carlos del Valle Herrera, both explosive fighters and KO artists.

During 1986, Arroyo won Argentine and South American welterweight titles from Ramón Abeldaño, then forgot training and was outpointed by Lorenzo García and halted, already in 1987, by veteran Simón Escobar to lose the Argentine crown. In November 1986, Herrera finished the career of Wilfred Benitez, stopping him in seven, but later in December was knocked out by Juan (Martillo) Roldán in the second. Both Arroyo and Herrera needed a clear victory in order to get important chances again.

Arroyo started the bout with a furious attack and knocked Herrera to the canvas in only 10 seconds.

Herrera tried again, but was knocked out through a new avalanche of punches early in the first round.

Arroyo seems determined to demonstrate he is the best welter in Latin America. If he continues training properly, he can do it.

(6-5-87)

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Sergio Ronconi outpointed Luis (Chocolate) Peralta in 10, middleweights.

(6-5-87)

▶**MENDOZA—Estadio Pascual Peréz**—José Lagos outpointed Ramón Rodriguez in 10, flyweights.

Carlos Pastrán won by disqualification over Daniel (Pato) Dominguez in seven, middleweights.

(6-5-87)

▶**RIO GALLEGOS**—Adolfo Arce Rossi outclassed Juan Carlos Ortiz in 10, welterweights.

(6-5-87)

▶**CONCORDIA—Club Ferrocarril**—Jorge Dáscola halted Daniel Guibaudo in the third round, heavyweights.

(6-5-87)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Stadium Luna Park**—Ramón Albedaño and Roberto Ruiz drew in 10 in an excellent bout, middleweights. Two judges had it 97-97 and the third, 98-97 Ruiz. The card of *The Ring* agreed with the result but was 95-95.

(6-6-87)

▶**RAFAELA**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Néstor Giovannini outpointed Miguel Steinbach in 10.

(6-9-87)

▶**CORDOBA**—José Bronzone outpointed Julio Melone in 12 rounds to retain his Córdoba state welterweight crown.

(6-12-87)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Tito Yanni outpointed José Ludueña in 10, welterweights.

(6-12-87)

▶**SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Argentine junior lightweight champion Julio Miranda TKO'd José Ricardo Gil in seven. Gil deserted due to an injury.

(6-12-87)

▶**ESPERANZA**—Néstor Paniagua outpointed Carlos (Torito) Laciar in 10, featherweights.

(6-12-87)

▶**RIO GRANDE**—Alberto Vico TKO'd Rodolfo (Lobizón) Rodriguez in two, lightweights.

(6-12-87)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Federación Argentina de Box**—In a junior bantamweight bout, Argentine champion Rubén Condorí outpointed South American and Latin American titleholder Gustavo (Mandrake) Ballas in 10. It was their fourth fight, with two victories each.

Condorí and Ballas have not only titles but excellent records. The 27-year-old Condorí upped his record to 58-13-11 with 17 KOs in 82 bouts. The 29-year-old and former WBA world champion Ballas fell to 88-6-4 with 29 KOs in 98 bouts.

It was an excellently disputed match, one of the best seen in South America during the present year, honoring the high reputation of both fighters. Ballas ruled the first part of the bout, but the incessant attack by Condorí put him in bad condition in the eighth and only due to his courage could he last the distance.

The decision was split, with two judges having it for Condorí 96-94 and 97-96 and the third scoring a draw, 98-98. *The Ring* carded 96-95 Condorí.

On the undercard, in another excellent bout, Marcelo Luna outpointed former Olympian and previously unbeaten Rubén Carballo in eight, featherweights.

(6-13-87)

▶**VILLA ANGELA—Club Alvear**—Argentine junior flyweight champion Héctor Patri retained his title via a draw with José Lagos in 12 rounds.

(6-19-87)

▶**SALTA—Estadio Polideportivo**—A crowd of 8,000, a good number for the city of Salta, went to see Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo continue his successful way. And, they returned home happy when the idol knocked Argentine champion Simón Escobar out in the eighth to retain his South American welterweight

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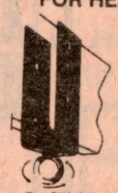

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title and avenge a previous loss to Escobar three months ago. It was another excellent job by Arroyo.
(6-19-87)

▶**MENDOZA—Estado Pascual Perez**—Veterans Lorenzo García and Jorge Pino drew in 10, middleweights. García usually fights as a welter.
(6-19-87)

▶**BASAVILVASO**—Hugo (Patoruzú) Luero outpointed Ramón Collado in 10, welterweights.
(6-19-87)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Federación Argentina de Box**—South America junior welterweight champion Hugo (Pajarito) Hernández knocked Eduardo Benevent out in the second.
(6-20-87)

▶**MENDOZA**—Eduardo Galán and Mario Araya drew in 10, lightweights.
(6-26-87)

▶**SALTA**—Featherweight prospect Manuel Billalba outpointed Marcelo Luna in 10.
(6-26-87)

BRAZIL

▶**CURITIBA**—Brazilian, South American and Latin American heavyweight champion José Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues knocked mediocre American Lorenzo Boyd out in the first.

Explosive Maguila solved his commitment in his usual "Ernie Shavers KO cowboy style" (to kill or be killed). He upped his record to 23-2 with 21 KOs. Both losses were KOs by; both avenged via KOs. Only two of his fights lasted the distance.
(5-31-87)

▶**PORTE ALEGRE—Rio Grande do Sul**—Brazilian middleweight champion Jose da Silva captured a 10-round decision over Argentina's Enrique Coronel.
(7-4-87)

▶**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian Adilson Maguila Rodrigues scored an upset, 10-round decision over North Carolina's James "Bonecrusher" Smith.

Rodrigues, 220, gained a close edge on the cards of two judges, while Smith, who weighed 226, was a lopsided winner on the third. Judge Delcio Gava scored 98-97 for Rodrigues, while judge Paulo Laguno gave the hometowner a 98-96 advantage. However, judge Alexandre Dib saw Smith winning nine of 10 rounds with one even for a 100-91 romp.

"Rodrigues was a tough and good fighter, but I thought I won the fight," said Smith, who was making his first start since losing a 12-round decision to Mike Tyson.
(8-8-87)

CHILE

▶**SANTIAGO**—Benito Badilla knocked unknown Argentine Raúl Nimis out in the first, bantamweights. Nimis went to the Hospital Central of Santiago after the bout. He had an encephalic traumatism and lost two teeth. It makes no sense and is dangerous to organize this sort of bout without a minimum of equivalence between the fighters.
(6-9-87)

▶**OSORNO**—Carlos Aros drew with Argentine Manuel Billalba in eight, featherweights.
(6-13-87)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

COLOMBIA

▶**CARTAGENA**—In a battle of Colombian 120-pounders, Eudo Bermudez KO'd Albeiro Arboleda in the seventh round.

Francisco Alvarez scored a three-round TKO over Orlando Hernandez. Both Colombians weighed 123.

Flyweight Mauricio Bernal of Bogota won an eight-round split decision from Palenque's Victor Tejedor.

Former Colombian flyweight champion Rafael Julio posted a five-round KO win over Cartagena's Felix Berrio.

Featherweight Pedro Perez, Cartagena, stopped Bogota's Juan de la Cruz Estupinan in five.

Bogota welterweight Hernan Gutierrez remained unbeaten in three starts with a third-round TKO over Cartagena's Fernando Rios, who kissed the canvas in the first round.
(6-6-87)

▶**CARTAGENA**—Welterweight Tomas Molinares, Cartagena, KO'd Eduardo Rosario, Dominican Republic, in the sixth of a scheduled 10. Referee Carlos Hernandez stopped the bout at 2:58.

Colombian Rodolfo Blanco stopped Rafael Ramos, Dominican Republic, at 2:54 of the third to earn a shot at WBA junior flyweight champion Mung-Woo Yuh.

Lightweight Rafael Pineda, Barranquilla, knocked out Fernando Sanchez, Dominican Republic, in the first round. Sanchez was down three times.

Colombia's Daniel Blanco scored a ninth-round TKO over Santos Hernandez of the Dominican Republic, the referee stopping the match at 0:54.

Bantamweight Juan Rodriguez knocked out Hernan Monett in the first.

Manuel Cogollo scored a six-round decision over Ivan Iglesias.

Lightweight Eder Gonzalez outpointed Gaspar Guzman over six.
(7-19-87)

▶**CARTAGENA**—Ivan Vanegas outpointed Pedro Padilla, the judges carding 97-97, 96-94 and 96-95.

Junior flyweight Francisco Tejedor, Barranquilla, scored an eight-round decision over Uriel Londono to boost his record to 16-0 with 10 KOs.

Jose Bermudez, Barranquilla, stopped Edinson Benitez of Cartagena in seven.

Cartagena's Adolfo Caballero won a six-round decision over Jairo Dominguez.

Promoter: Rene Pantoja.

Judges: Horacio Castilla, Uriel Aguilera & Rafael Zarate.
(7-19-87)

▶**BARRANQUILLA—Santamaria Cinema**—Bantamweight Carlos Rocha posted a two-round KO over Cartagena's Dorismel Zuniga.

Flyweight Alvaro Mercado, Barranquilla, knocked out Francisco Tamara in the first round.

Featherweight Juan Rodriguez captured a unanimous decision over Dews Pemberty.

In a junior welterweight six-rounder, Leovigildo Hernandez of Barranquilla and Pompilio Cassian of Palenque drew.

Local featherweights Wilson Fontalvo and Alfonso DeLeon drew in four.
(7-4-87)

▶**CARTAGENA**—Arcelio Diaz of Cartagena won the Colombian super bantamweight championship when he TKO'd Cartagena's Jaime Castellon in the second round, referee Uriel Aguilera stopping the match.

Flyweight Juan Poloperez won a 10-round decision over Alfredo Lugo.

Adolfo Caballero stopped Salomon Murillo in the first.

Bantamweight Jose Melendez won a six-round duke over Sergio Lagre.

Robinson Quiroz won a six-round decision over Joselo Perez in a battle of local bantamweights.

Palenque welterweight Jose Salinas outpointed Gilberto Barreto over four.

Featherweight Roberto Beleno knocked out Jackson Becerra in four.
(7-4-87)

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

ECUADOR

▶**GUAYAQUIL**—Local credit Nelson Bolaños was halted by Panamanian Luis Portocarrero in two, lightweights.

Another Panamanian, bantamweight José Chacón, outpointed Jorge Monar in 10, ending a sad night for Ecuadorian fans.
(6-4-87)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

GUYANA

▶**GEORGETOWN—National Sports Hall**—Guyanese welterweight Barrington Cambridge and lightweight Raul Frank each scored TKO victories in scheduled 10-rounders, Cambridge stopping Luis Ortes of the Dominican Republic, while Frank halted Raphael Solis of Venezuela.

Just 38 seconds into the eighth round, Ortes, 146, turned his back on Cambridge, 142, and indicated he was unwilling to continue after taking a barrage of blows from the victor. Ortiz was the early aggressor, but Cambridge began using his jab in the second round and continued to jolt the head of his opponent. Ortiz tried to get back into things in the sixth and seventh, but couldn't reverse the tide.

Solis, 132, was also the aggressor against Frank, 131, but Frank countered with a good jab and strong rights that opened a cut above the left eye of Solis. In Round Five, Frank landed a left hook that staggered the southpaw Solis and backed him against the ropes. Frank unloaded both hands until the corner of Solis tossed in the towel.

Lalta Narine, 117, captured an unpopular decision over Winston Goodridge, 119, after eight blistering rounds that saw the two battle toe-to-toe.

Patrick Farley, 149, pounded Clifford Jones, 158, until Jones' corner threw in the towel before the first round was over.

Wayne Smith, 124, took a unanimous, but unpopular eight-round nod over barefooted Fitzroy Davidson, 129.

Promoter: Jack's Boxing Promotions.

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Timekeeper: John Quail.

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Announcer: Allan La Rose.
(8-2-87)

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PARAGUAY

▶**ASUNCION**—South American middleweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez worked hard to stop Argentine Hugo Vera in 10 via a technical knockout.

On the undercard, Francisco Bobadilla outpointed Argentine Eduardo González in eight, welters.
(5-29-87)

▶**NOTES:** Argentine champion Juan Martín (Látigo) Coggi won the WBA world junior welterweight title by knocking out previously unbeaten Patrizio Oliva in the third.

The 25-year-old Coggi was born in a small town called Fighiera (close to Rosario) in the province of Santa Fe December 19, 1961. He is now based in Brandsen, province of Buenos Aires, another small town (this close to the capital city of Buenos Aires). He is married, father of a boy.

His record is 32-1-2 with 19 KOs. His only loss came at the hands of Adolfo Arce Rossi on March 9, 1985, when he was outpointed in 10.

Coggi is a left-hander, typical counterpuncher, with a good jab, but a technically limited fighter. His main attribute is that he hits as a middleweight (Oliva could attest it).

RICARDO F. SOLANA

EUROPE

FRANCE

▶**CHANTILLY**—Featherweight Norbert Alcade stopped Michel Vivier in the fifth round.
(6-29-87)

▶**CALAIS**—Kelvin Seabrooks stopped Theirry Jacob in the 10th round to retain his IBF junior bantamweight championship.

Daniel Londas won a 10-round decision over Samuel Meck for the French junior lightweight championship.

Junior lightweight Herve Jacob stopped Eddie Leanos in the first.

Featherweight Bruno Jacob knocked out Luis Escalante in two rounds.

Bantamweight Alain Limarola stopped Carlos Pena-Gomez in five.
(7-4-87)

▶**MERIGNAC**—Mexican Lupe Aquino decisioned Detroit's Duane Thomas over 12 rounds for the WBC junior middleweight championship.

The 23-year-old Aquino, who earned his shot with a stoppage of Davey Moore on the Leonard/Hagler undercard, knocked Thomas down twice and appeared to have earned a comfortable edge in the scoring, though one judge had him winning by just a point.

Aquino clearly dominated the early going, but Thomas rallied in the middle rounds. However, the new champion finished the stronger, cementing his win.

Karim Rabbi won a four-round TKO when Kent Acuff retired

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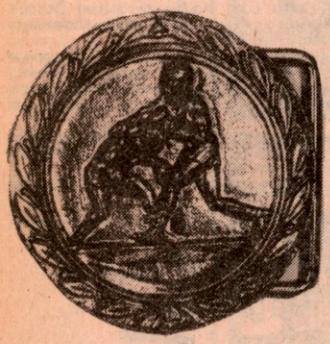

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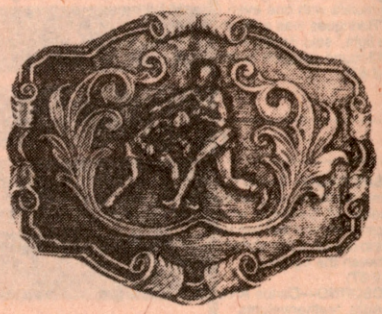

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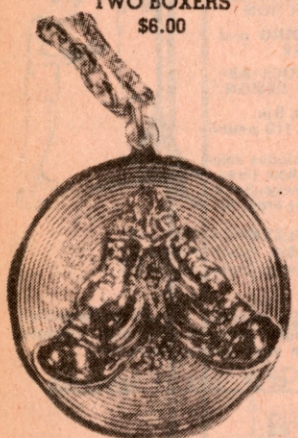

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Lightweight Jean Baptiste Mendy knocked out Sebastian Wilburn in four.

Light heavyweight Didier Macrez won a six-round decision over Olivier Kemayou.

Andre Kimbukot stopped Jean Marc Phenieux in five of a middleweight scrap.
(7-11-87)

▶**SAINT TROPEZ**—Jose Luis Ramirez decisioned Terrence Alli over 12 to take the vacant WBC lightweight title.

Louis Gomez stopped Vincente Fernandez in a bout for the European bantamweight championship.

Cruiserweight Toufik Balbouli knocked out Peter Mulindwa Kozza in the first.

Welterweights Daniel Bicchierai and Jean Michel Forestier drew over six rounds.

An eight-round welterweight contest had Antoine Fernandez decisioning Peter Simon Eubanks.
(7-18-87)

GERMANY

▶**HAMBURG**—Young Paddy Pipa, a 21-year-old German welterweight matured through an unbeaten course of six fights, pounded out a six-round decision over Yugoslavia's Tritmir Jandrek, who lost his third of six paid starts after winning 132 of 168 amateur bouts.

Manfred Jassmann, the 35-year-old German heavyweight champion, was to have challenged Ralf Rocchigiani, the domestic cruiserweight champion, but the latter withdrew with a cut eye recieved in training. Yugoslav Novak Radanovic substituted, but had no chance, being KO'd with three seconds left in Round Two. Jassmann, wearing his flashy snakeskin trunks and boots, could have won a fashion show, but he was no softy. Instead, he was in a brutal mood and his disposing of Radanovic was ridiculously easy. The German improved his record to 31-5.

Knud Blin, the 19-year-old heavyweight son of Jurgen, who stayed seven rounds with Muhammad Ali in a non-title bout in 1971 and who ruled Europe the following year, beat fellow German Hans Gimborn, referee Norbert Krosch calling a halt with 45 seconds remaining in Round Two. Blin decked Gimborn with a whistling right to the chin for a nine-count before Krosch stepped in. The victory was Blin's second as a pro.

German domestic champion Erwin Heiber shared points over eight rounds with Dutchman John van Elteren, the Benelux champion, in an eight-rounder. The fight provided several rounds of unadulterated savagery, and the crowd of 2,312 buzzed with unparalleled excitement. The 31-year-old Heiber overcame an early deficit, taking a couple of counts in both the second and third rounds. Toward the end, Heiber had regained his composure and was back in control. Heiber, the official challenger for the European crown held by Mauro Martelli of Switzerland, pulled this bout out of the fire savagely, furiously and contemptiously. The ringside doctor mounted the apron in Round Six to inspect a couple of facial cuts van Elteren had sustained, one on his right eyebrow, the other under his left eye, but allowed the bout to continue. The decision was questionable and drew many disbelieving boos from the crowd, which had become emotionally involved in the struggle. Heiber has three defeats in 21 starts.

German lightweight champion, 33-year-old Rene Weller, scored a unanimous decision over Ghana's Tony Bawa in an energetic eight-rounder. Weller, who lost just 21 of 308 amateur bouts and has only one loss in 42 pro starts, has served the game well, but he is on the last lap of his career. The German longs for just one battle, a return with Dane Gert Bo Jacobsen, who took his European lightweight title on a cut stoppage in January, 1986. Bawa suffered his second defeat in 10 starts.

The 90th German middleweight championship bout since 1911—between champion Andreas Prox and Mike Wissenbach—was declared no contest. Wissenbach was fouled in the third and went to the canvas. Referee Kurt Stroer ordered a minute's rest, but when it was obvious Wissenbach was hurt, Stroer ordered a five-minute break, a ruling that even hard core ringsiders and hard-bitten reporters admitted was a new one on them. Wissenbach, who had left for his dressing room, never returned. The bout was over, the ruling no contest. The promoter promised a third meeting between the two, the first bout in January having ended with Prox gaining a 2-1 vote. Prox has lost two of 15 starts, while Wissenbach dropped two of his first seven.

This was the third show this year in the former mecca of professional prize fighting, Hamburg, and all have been promoted by Hans Jurgen Pedersen. What appears to have become a universal practice nowadays of having scantily clad girls with spiked heels parading the round cards was not one of the "attractions." Thank goodness.

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(8-15-87)

JACK TREE

ITALY

▶**RIBERA**—Juan Martin Coggi, 138¾, knocked out Patrizio Oliva, 140, in three rounds to win the WBA junior welterweight championship.

Museta Bingunia, 130, stopped Jesus Eugenio Romero, 129¼, on cuts in six rounds.

Yawe Davis, 176½, knocked out Rodrigo Benech, 178, in the first.

Nazario Mariotti, 156½, stopped Joaquin Velasquez, 154½, on cuts in four.

Angelo Rottoli, 193, stopped Mickey Pryor, 204, in one.
(7-4-87)

▶**SIRACUSA**—Lightweight Roberto Lauretta took a six-round decision from Kemais Gueblaoui.
(7-5-87)

▶**FORT VILLAGE**—Mark Breland, 147, scored a 10-round decision win over Juan Rondon, 150.

Breland was making his European debut and his first start since breaking his left hand against Harold Volbrecht in February. The left appeared just fine as Breland scored at will with his sharp jab. Breland's heralded right, however, could not find the target often on the elusive Rondon.

Though losing, Rondon did snap Breland's streak of eight consecutive knockout victories. The WBA welterweight champ is 18-0 with 12 knockouts.

Romolo Casamonica, 146¼, stopped Lorenzo Giappone, 146, in 10 rounds for the Italian welterweight championship. Giappone retired with cuts.

Junior welterweight Maghraoui Hassen TKO'd Rinaldo Cacchioni in the second.

Junior lightweight Angelo Sassu won a six-round decision over Neziri Baskim.
(7-10-87)

▶**CORSICO**—Francesco Damiani, 225¾, won a 10-round decision over Eddie Richardson, 215.

The Olympic super heavyweight silver medalist won easily in a lackluster affair that saw Richardson box on the defensive throughout.

Loris Stecca, 127, KO'd Anthony Williams, 124½, in five.

Former European flyweight champ Franco Cherchi, 118½, won a six-round verdict from Sean Casey, 116½.

Gianni Di Napoli, 127, stopped Kim Jackson, 122½, in five.

Claudio Nitti, 132¼, won a six-round decision from Hadair Nourredine, 127½.
(7-11-87)

▶**CAPO D'ORLANDO**—Salvatore Bottiglieri took a 12-round decision from Alvaro Bohorquez in a featherweight bout.

Welsh judge Adrian Morgan and Belgian judge Bob Logist both scored for Bottiglieri, who was defending his junior WBC title for the first time. Referee Mickey Vann scored for Bohorquez, who was penalized two points for butting.

Junior middleweights Giuseppe Cali and Diego Martinez drew in six.

Junior lightweight Freddy Cruz won an eight-round decision over Claudio Bicai.

Cruiserweight Antonio Manfredini took a six-round decision over Sergio Bosio.

Luca De Lorenzi decisioned Fernando Blanco in an eight-round lightweight match.

Middleweight Francesco Dell'Aquila decisioned Bechir Chaarane over six.
(7-15-87)

▶**SILVI MARINA**—Valerio Nati won by foul in the eighth round over Vincenco Limatola for the European featherweight title.

Nati weighed 125¾, Limatola, 125.

The two battled evenly in a brisk contest until Limatola was disqualified for hitting Nati after the bell ended Round Seven.

The win left the 31-year-old Nati 41-3-3, while Limatola fell to 15-2.

Juan Muriel, 128, notched a four-round TKO over Hadair Nourredine, 125¾.

Stefano Cassi, 135¼, stopped Andres Blanco, 134½, in three.

Kamel Bou Ali, 133, stopped Troy Davis, 131¾, in the first.

Luigi Minchillo, 158, recorded an eight-round decision over Tyrone Horne, 156.

Paziente Adobati, 128½, won a six-round decision over Bogunga Eymono, 129¾.
(7-24-87)

▶**PRINCIPINA A MARE**—Junior welterweight Nicola Parrino won a six-round decision over Leonardo Pompa.
(7-24-87)

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Lloyd Christie, 140, retained his British light welterweight title by stopping Commonwealth lightweight champion Mo Hussein, 139½, referee Adrian Morgan intervening at 1:09 of the 12th and final round when Hussein had gone through the ropes on to the ring apron from two right hands, one that set him up, the other catching him on the way down.

Christie was cut on the scalp in Round Seven, but kept on top and Hussein was down briefly in Round 10, in which he took some hard punches. Nevertheless, he came up for Round 11 and kept going in fine style. There was every indication he would be there at the final bell, but those two lethal right hands from Christie proved too much. Maybe he could have beaten the count, but referee Morgan acted humanely.

Errol (brother of Lloyd) Christie, 165½, stopped American Tyrone McKnight, 159, referee Sid Nathan calling a halt at 2:12 of Round Five in a scheduled 10. McKnight hadn't been down, but Christie looked well in front.

George Collins, 148¼, kayoed American Donald Vanarva, 151¼, in Round Two of a scheduled eight. Vanarva said he had beaten the count. Referee Nathan said he hadn't. Collins was well on top.

British cruiserweight champion Tee Jay, 193, stopped Mexican Antonio Adami, 195½. It was all over at 1:55 of Round One, Paddy Sower intervening with Adami under severe pressure.

Nigel Benn, West Ham, 162, stopped American Reginald Marks, 153½, referee Paddy Sower calling a halt at 2:10 of Round One after the American had been down twice.
(6-17-87)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Ray Thomas, 177, Ghana, stopped Dennis Banton, 176, Camberwell, referee Dave Parris intervening at 1:00 of Round Six of a scheduled eight twos with Banton cut by the left eye and under pressure. It was Banton's first defeat.

Jimmy Harrison, 148¼, stopped Graeme Griffin, 147¼, Corby, referee Parris calling a halt halfway through the sixth and final round after Griffin had been down.

Delroy Pearce, 148, Canning Town, outpointed Wil Halliday, 147, Leicester, referee Nick White scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(6-9-87)

▶**STAFFORD—The Colosseum**—Tony Swift, 138, Birmingham, outpointed Peter Bowen, 138, Wednesbury, referee John Coyle (who officiated in all bouts) scoring it 80-76 after eight twos. This indicated that the unbeaten Swift had won every round. Bowen was cut by the left eye.

Ian Kid Murray, 154, Birmingham, outpointed Keith Scott, 156, Birmingham, scoreline 59-58 after six twos.

Andy Morgan, 140, Merthyr, kayoed John Dicken, 141, Wednesbury, at 0:52 of Round One in a scheduled six twos.

Davy Jones, 119, Merthyr, outpointed Mickey Greenwood, 118, Leicester, over six twos by 59-58½. Greenwood was down in Round Two from a left to the head.
(6-22-87)

▶**LONDON—Lewisham Theatre**—Sammy Sampson, 153¾, kayoed Johnny Williamson, 154½, at 2:03 of Round Four in a scheduled eight with a right to the chin. Williamson had been down twice previously. Referee Dave Parris.

Darwin Brewster, 154, Wales, narrowly outpointed Johnny Andrews, 155, Bow, referee Parris scoring it 78½-78 after eight. Many thought Andrews deserved at least a share and booed accordingly.

Andrew Prescod, 139½, Blackfriars, stopped Mark Dinnadge, 139, Eltham, referee Reg Thompson interrupting the count to allow Dinnadge medical attention at 2:57 of Round Two in a scheduled six. It was Dinnadge's first defeat.

Wayne Weekes, 135, Bellingham, stopped Andrew Furlong, 134½, referee Parris calling a halt at 1:24 of Round One after Furlong had been decked three times.

Mark Bates, Stanford-le-Hope, outpointed Mickey Crawford, 135, Peckham, referee Thompson scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(5-27-87)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—David Hughes, 138, Sheffield, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Raymond Taylor, 142, Great Harwood, referee Brian Hogg casting it a narrow 78½-78 after eight.

Frank Grant, 164, Bradford, stopped Steve Ward, 163½, Nottingham, referee Hogg calling a halt at 1:48 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos with Ward under pressure.

David Croft, 138, Doncaster, outpointed David Hall, Manchester, 138, referee Keith Garner scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

Paul Burke, Preston, outpointed Pat Barratt, Manchester, re-

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feree Garner scoring it 59-58 after six twos. Barratt was down in Round Five.
(6-1-87)

▶**SUNDERLAND—Crowtree Leisure Centre**—British bantamweight champion Billy Hardy outpointed Brian Holmes, Glasgow, referee Fred Potter scoring it 100-96 after 10, indicating Hardy had not lost a round. However, Holmes put up a fine performance and did much better than the scoreline indicated. Holmes was cut by the left eye, which needed four stitches. Both boxers were inside the stipulated 119 in this non-title affair.

Paul Lister, Newcastle, won the Northern Area heavyweight title by beating Stewart Lithgo, Hartlepool, referee Arnold Bryson intervening at 1:48 of Round Four when Lithgo was cut by the left eye, needing four stitches. Lithgo, the former Commonwealth cruiserweight champion, afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Former British bantam champion John Feeney, 127¾, Hartlepool, outpointed Nigel Senior, 128, Wallsend, referee Potter scoring it 79½-78 after eight twos.

Harry Escott, 130¾, Sunderland, stopped Barry Bacon, 137½, Alfreton, referee Bryson calling a halt at 0:25 of Round Two after Bacon had been down.

David Maw, 142, Sunderland, outpointed Dean Bramhald, 140, Doncaster, referee Potter casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Tony Hallett, 219¼, Newcastle, outpointed Mick Cordon, 216, referee Bryson's card showing a narrow 59½-59 after six twos.
(6-4-87)

▶**LONDON—Southwark Leisure Centre**—Paul McKenzie, 137, Peckham, stopped Steve Griffiths, 138½, Finchley, referee Roy Francis intervening at 0:50 of the eighth and final round (two-minute) with Griffiths under pressure.

Andy Wright, 164½, Tooting, drew with Simon Collins, 163¾, Merthyr, over six. Referee Roy Francis.

Johnny Nelson, 178, Sheffield, stopped Byron Pullen, 174½, Bermondsey, referee Jack Snipe intervening at 1:40 of Round Three after Pullen had been floored twice. Pullen was hitherto unbeaten.

Paul Smith, 161½, Sheffield, stopped Dennis O'Brien, Acton, referee Snipe calling a halt in Round Two of a scheduled eight twos with O'Brien under pressure.

Johnny Good, 122, Croydon, stopped Roy Deeble, 121¾, Dagenham, referee Francis halting matters at the end of Round Five in a scheduled six twos when Deeble was cut by the left eye.

In a clash of debutants, Jeff Dobson, 124½, Bermondsey, stopped Shane Tonks, 128, Aldershot, referee Snipe intervening at 0:30 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos with Tonks under pressure.
(6-3-87)

▶**BRADFORD—Dollars Night Scene**—John Doherty, 129½, Bradford, former British super featherweight champion, outpointed Kevin Pritchard, 128½, Liverpool, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 119-115½ after 12. This was a final eliminator for Doherty's old title.

Kevin Spratt, 138, narrowly outpointed Marvin P. Gray, 138, Durham, referee Phil Cowsill casting it 78½-78 after eight.

Darren Hobson, 162½, Leeds, stopped Maurice Thomas Jr., 166, Bradford, referee Cowsill intervening after only 49 seconds of the opening round with Thomas under pressure.

Debutant James Jiora, 137, Otley, stopped Paul Kennedy, 135, Consett, referee Cowsill calling a halt at 1:47 of the sixth (two-min.) and final round with Kennedy under pressure.

James Conley, 148, Bradford, outpointed Dave Kettlewell, 147, Leeds, referee Cowsill's card showing 59-58 after six.
(6-2-87)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Gary Jacobs, 146, Glasgow, retained his Scottish welter championship by stopping Tommy McCallum, 146½, Edinburgh, referee Billy Rafferty calling a halt at 2:21 of Round Five in a scheduled 10 after McCallum had been down three times.

Billy Barton, Bridgend, outpointed Jamie McBride, Glasgow, referee Len Mullen casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

After two years inactivity, Andy Galloway, 144, Motherwell, outpointed Kevin Plant, 143, Doncaster, referee Rafferty scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Ian John-Lewis, 148, Gillingham, stopped Dave Heaver, 150, Doncaster, referee Mullen calling a halt at 0:12 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos with Heaver under pressure.
(6-8-87)

▶**MANCHESTER—Free Trade Hall**—Mohammed Lovelock, 138½, Manchester, outpointed Sugar Gibiliru, 137, Liverpool, referee Ron Hackett scoring it a narrow 78½-78 after eight twos. Their two previous meetings had been drawn.

Central Area bantamweight champion Gerry McBride, 121, outpointed Albert Parr, 121, referee Hackett casting it 59-58½ after six.

David Hughes, 140, Sheffield, outpointed Steve Hogg, 142, St. Helens, referee Hackett's card showing 60-58 after six, indicating Hughes hadn't lost a round, albeit Hogg was a substitute.

Debutant Oliver Harrison, 139, Manchester, stopped Alvin Finch, 134, Kendal, referee Phil Cowsill intervening at 0:50 of Round Three with Finch injured by the left eye and under pressure.

Billy Cowley, 127, Birmingham, narrowly outpointed Tony Carter, 129, Manchester, referee Cowsill scoring it 59-58½ after six.

Simon Hunter, 137½, comfortably outpointed Ian Murray, 138, Manchester, referee Cowsill casting it 59½-58 after six.

Andrew Sumner, 156, Sheffield, kayoed G.L. Booth, 155, Manchester, in 1:41 of Round Three. Referee Cowsill.
(6-15-87)

▶**MANCHESTER—The Ritz**—Brian Roche, 135, Bacup, stopped Willy Wilson, 138, Nottingham, referee Harry Warner intervening at 1:29 of Round One in a scheduled eight after Wilson had been down from a right to the head.

Central Area champion Carl Crook, Chorley, 135, outpointed Tony Richards, Nottingham, 139, referee Hackett casting it 79-77½ after eight.

Ian Bulloch, 187½, Alfreton, outpointed Steve Osborne, 182, Nottingham, referee Keith Garner scoring it 59-58 after six.

Ossie Maddox, 148, Manchester, outpointed Tony Britland, 147¾, Barmouth, referee Garner scoring it 59½-58½ after six. Britland was floored by a right to the jaw in Round Two, but was up without a count.

Ian Bayliss, 160, Preston, outpointed debutant Mel Justin, 155, Sheffield, referee Garner's card showing 59½-58 after six.
(6-9-87)

▶**GREAT YARMOUTH—Hippodrome**—Oliver Henry, 143½, Kings Lynn, stopped Brian Wareing, 145½, Southport, a right cross flooring Wareing and cutting his left ear. Referee Ritchie Davies started the count, then stopped to allow Wareing medical attention. Time—30 seconds of Round One in a scheduled eight twos.

Chris Clarkson, 120½, Hull, outpointed Ronnie Stephenson, 120½, Doncaster, referee Jack Snipe scoring it 78½-78 after eight twos. Clarkson was floored in Round Four by a right hook, but came back strongly.

Pat Barrett, 141, Manchester, stopped Eamonn Payne, 140, Kings Lynn, referee Davies calling a halt at 1:35 of Round Three in a scheduled eight twos after Payne had been down four times.

Mike Betts, 139½, Norwich, drew with Dean Bramhald, 141, Doncaster, over six twos. Referee Jack Snipe.

Frank Harrington, 145, Lancaster, outpointed Wayne Gould, 148, Wisbech, scoreline 59-58 after six twos.

Ian Carmichael, 192, Preston, outpointed Montague Butler, 188½, referee Snipe casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(6-13-87)

▶**LEAMINGTON—Royal Spa Centre**—Colin Lynch, 126, Coventry, stopped Stuart Carmichael, 128, Hull, referee Jim Pridding intervening at 1:39 of Round Six with Carmichael under pressure.

Mark Howells, 152, Nottingham, outpointed Kesem Clayton, 150, Coventry, referee Pridding scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

Paul Wesley, 158, Birmingham, stopped Leon Thomas, 156, Coventry, referee Pridding calling a halt at 1:09 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Thomas had been floored by a left hook.

Floored in the opening round, David Jules, 238, Doncaster, came back to kayo Carl Timbrell, 242, Redditch, at 0:58 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos.

Carl Taylor, 132, Birmingham, stopped debutant Mark Begley, 132, Coventry, referee Pridding intervening at 1:33 of Round One of a scheduled six twos after Begley had been down from a left hook.

Noel Rafferty, 136, Coventry, outpointed Ken Whorton, 135, Oxford, referee Pridding's card showing a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(6-12-87)

RON OLVER

PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**SYDNEY—Entertainment Centre**—"Aussie" Joe Bugner, who became a naturalised Australian citizen the day immediately prior to meeting Greg Page, had very little trouble with Page in their 10-rounder. As I saw it at the ring apron, Bugner lost Round One, drew rounds two and six and won the other seven. My unofficial card was 99-93. The officials varied, judge Marty Sammon of the USA seeing it 97-93, judge Don Marks of Australia carding 98-94 and judge Mick Bennetto of Australia scoring 100-92.

Bugner, 248½, beat Page, 232, because he was fitter and more determined. Page, as usual, was not as fit as he should have been. His trainer, Richard Giachetti, excused Page later by saying he was suffering from sinus trouble after the first round. More credibility would be given to that claim if Page had fought below his normal form. However, he nearly always fights below his capability because he seldom is fully fit.

So to Giachetti I say: "Get Page fit. Don't make excuses—and don't rubbish Australia."

At a press conference later, Giachetti was loud and long in his rubbishing—of Bugner's tactics, of the referee, of just about everything Australian. He also was very rude to a couple of reporters.

Giachetti was like Mike Garnick, manager of Greg Richardson. We don't want this type of man bringing boxers from America. They give Americans a bad name. We have had some gentlemen trainers and managers from the States, men such as Angelo Dundee and Jim Stevenson, the latter now an IBF Vice President.

The Bugner-Page fight was interesting without being very exciting. Some people enjoyed it, others were disappointed. The crowd was small—only 4,800. John Wright refereed.

Bugner will beat most of the world-rated heavyweights.

In the main support, billed for 10 rounds, Jeff "Hit Man" Harding, 176½, of Australia, hit too hard and persistently for John Taupau, 183, of New Zealand. Referee John Cauchi stopped it at 2:15 of Round Two as Taupau was dazed. Taupau ahd been decked near the end of Round One, was down again in Round Two.

Peter Mitrevski, 117, gained a split points decision over former Australian flyweight champion Charlie Brown, 116½, in a very good eight-rounder. Mitrevski was down in Round Seven. One judge carded a draw, the other two had Mitrevski ahead by two points and three points, respectively.

In another good eight-rounder, Gary Clarke, 136½, won a split over Simon Maidment, 134, one judge carding a point Maidment's way, the other two seeing it to Clarke by one point and four.

Over six rounds, Francis Harding, a former English amateur, turned pro and won a clear points decision over John Taupau Junior. Confused? John Taupau Junior is the brother of John Taupau. To avoid confusion I record Junior as Joe Taupau. Harding scaled 155½, Taupau 155.
(7-24-87)

▶**BLACKTOWN—RSL Club**—NSW State lightweight champion Renato Cornett, 135, easily held his crown by clearly outpointing veteran Brian Roberts, 135, over 10 rounds. Scores: 100-90, 100-88, 99-88.

Prelims were good, particularly the six-rounder between Hector Cheetham, 132, and Eric McArdle, 142. Cheetham won on points, one judge carding a draw.

In another six, Dave Stevens, 147, stopped Disco George, 143, in Round Four because George suffered a split lip.

In another six, Arzan Basic, 234, turned pro and outpointed Bob Mirovic, 217. Good bout.

Four Rounds: Errol Oluko, 144, oupointed Neil Higgins, 147.

Darren Mees, 161, scored a four-round KO over Joe Rabuka, 156. Referee stopped contest.
(8-7-87)

VICTORIA

▶**PRESTON—Town Hall**—Russell Sands, 154¼, continued his comeback by halting Filipino Rolando Aldimer, 155¾, in the third round of a 10. Sands was far too good. Aldimer was gone when referee Johnny Wheeler rescued him.

In another 10, Wilf Gentzen, 142, KO'd Filipino Lito Vasquez, 146, in Round Five. Referee Malcolm Bulner counted all the way.

Victorian Pat Mudford, 134½, outpointed Western Australian Carl Zappia, 138¼, over 10 rounds.

Over eight, Victorian Nick Hatzil, 142¾, outpointed New South Wales veteran Roger Henry, 142¼.
(7-16-87)

▶**NORTHCOTE—Fanis Reception**—Russell Sands again, this time against Western Australian Matthew Smith. Sands was far too good but Smith lasted the distance, which was eight rounds. Sands scaled 153¾, Smith 153.

In six rounds, Riccardo Monteleone, 156½, outpointed Guy Murdoch, 163½.

Angelo Cacciotti, 121¼, scored a five-round KO over veteran Bobby Williams, also listed as 121¼, but appearing much lighter than his opponent. Williams substituted at less than a day's notice.

In another six, Tony Marretta, 134½, halted Laurie Aguis, 141, in Round Two.
(8-7-87)

QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Doug Sam, 174, stopped Garry Hubble, 173, in Round 11 to win the vacant OPBF light heavyweight title. Sam is the Australian junior light heavyweight champion. Hubble formerly held the Australian and OPBF light heavy titles but lost them to Guy Waters. Guy still is the Aussie champ, but he relinquished the OPBF diadem.

Sam and Hubble staged an interesting contest. There were some good exchanges. At the end of Round 10 all judges had Sam ahead, 97-95, 97-95, 97-93. Hubble was tiring and at the end of the round his corner withdrew him. The bell rang for the start of round 11 when referee Alan Moore crowned Sam.

Unbeaten Shane Knox, 134, added to his record by halting New Zealander Jeff Smith, 138, in the second stanza of a scheduled 10, but Shane got a couple of shocks, being decked twice in the opening round. He came back well, dropped Smith twice in Round Two and Smith's corner withdrew Jeff at the end of that round.

In another 10, Ken Carter, 140, drew with Percy Israel, 140. Good bout with two judges carding it even, one judge voting for Israel.

The only other contest on the bill was a three-rounder in which Paul Gleeson, 169, outpointed Rocky Muir, 169.
(8-3-87)

RAY MITCHELL

ORIENT

PHILIPPINES

▶**PARANANQUE**—Jun Edward, the Filipino #2 junior bantamweight ranked by the GAB (Games and Amusements Board, the commission of this country), 116, was held to a split draw by Louie Gonzales, 113, in 10.

Tom Ramos, 119½, scored a seventh-round TKO over Boy Chua, 120, in a scheduled 10.

Boy Granciosa, 123, finished Bobby Pinos, 122½, in the sixth session of the first 10.

Promoter: Laura Elorde.
(6-3-87)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Loremer Pontino, 118, took the Filipino bantamweight title as he impressively knocked out Jun Llano, 117¾, in the fourth round of a scheduled 12. Sergent Siasico refereed.

Emiliano Alferez, 121, earned a split decision over Mario Sumalinog, 121, in 10.

Triffon Torralba, 112, TKO'd Roy Pollards, 112, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Carlos Parcia, 135, eked out a majority decision over Leo Sabanal, 137, in 10.

Jerrson Brago, 119, unanimously decisioned Kid Tavera, 120, in 10.

Edward Adame, 111, stopped Ricky Flor, 109, in the second session of the first 10.

Nelson Cabig, 118, chalked up a TKO over Joe Surdilla, 118, in the eighth and final round.

Promoter: Natividad Baugbog.

GAB's witnesses: Jaime Mata & Rodrigo Javier.

(6-6-87)

▶**ROXAS CITY**—Lito Villaflor, 116, TKO'd Cris Tarrosa, 115, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10. Rey Fernandez refereed.

Tony Labrador took a split decision over Flash Albert in 10.

Promoter: Antonio Refugio.

(6-6-87)

▶**DIPOLOG CITY**—Rod Naiconi, the GAB's #7 flyweight, 113, took a split decision over Ronnie Vallescas, 110, in 10.

Mac Espanola, 121, unanimously decisioned Joseph Ladipe, 119, in 10.

Mamong Manaay, 130, won a split decision over Flash Ursus, 131, in 10.

Promoter: Rey Yabut.

(6-6-87)

▶**BOHOL**—Ademar Amad, the Filipino top junior flyweight contender, 107, took a split decision over Al Tiempo, 112, in 10.

Promoter: Candido Caga Jr.

(6-13-87)

▶**MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL**—Boy Ligas, 126, unanimously decisioned Tony Cinco, also 126, in 10.

Speedy Sidong, 126, battled to a split draw with Felix Sixto, 126, in six.

Promoter: Rolando Ligas.

GAB's witnesses: Estanislao Binondo & Jaime Mata.

(6-13-87)

▶**PIKIT, NORTH COTABATO**—Danny Ortega, 118, won a unanimous nod from Nestor Pagaran, also 118, in 10. Deocades refereed.

Al Balaba, 118, won a unanimous decision over Larry Tamanal, 118, in eight.

Joel Solinap, 118, outpointed Tony Boy Bello, 118, in six.

Saldy Crisotomo, 127, TKO'd Francis Velasquez, 127, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Roger Villajuan, 118, stopped Ben Porticos, also 118, in the second session of a scheduled six.

Promoter: Benhur Bedia.

GAB's witness: Jaime P. Mata.

(6-16-87)

▶**SURIGAO DEL NORTE**—Little Campo, the Filipino #3 junior lightweight, 136, amazed the crowd with a stunning first-round knockout over Boy Escartin, also 136, in a scheduled 10. Rogelio Lopez refereed.

Arnulfo Bernadez, 114, unanimously decisioned Romy Antiojo, 116, in 10.

Tete Quiban, 110, won from Danny Gray, 112, in 10.

Bayang Antipasado, 118, stopped Rey Basil, 119, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Jun Gultiano, 118, fought to a majority draw with Llod Cilio, 118, in six.

Promoter: Pepelina Gelsano.

GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.

(6-18-87)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Former OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) lightweight champ Jongjong Pacquing, 141, chalked up a seventh-round TKO over Jun Ramos, 142, in a scheduled 10. Aleria refereed.

Joseph Galagaran, 115, unanimously decisioned Elmer Magallano, 115, in 10.

Rodrigo Boy Perez, 122, took a majority decision over Noel Toledo, 121, in 10.

Jun Afable, former Filipino champ, 105, TKO'd Anthony Rendiza, 105, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10.

Romy Ceniza, 111½, halted Auriel Sagusay, 114, in the second session of a scheduled 10.

Robinson Cabusao, 117, TKO'd Al Atillo, 121, in the fifth canto of the first 10.

Jun Cajes, 128, unanimously decisioned Frank Panal, 130, in six.

Promoter: Eusebio Almario Jr.

GAB's witnesses: Jaime Mata & Romeo Fordaliza.

(6-20-87)

▶**METRO MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Tiger Ari, the GAB's fourth-ranked featherweight, 125½, took a split decision over Amado Cabato, 125½, in 10.

Diego Lebante, 130, unanimously decisioned Danilo Contado, 129½, in 10.

Romeo Opriasa, 112, won a unanimous nod from Dinky Jagdon, also 112, in 10.

Promoter: Tomasa Pamilosa.

(6-24-87)

▶**METRO MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Filipino junior lightweight champ Lule Villaverde, 128½, successfully kept his throne by copping a unanimous duke over Luis Adigue Milado, 129¾, in 12. Tom Evaristo refereed.

Flash Emmanuel, the national junior featherweight champ at 121½, earned a unanimous verdict over Fernando Carupo, 120½, to retain his title in 12. Onofre Perez refereed.

Rolando Pacua, 112, unanimously decisioned Emil Romano, also 112, in 10.

Former OPBF junior lightweight kingpin Rod Sequenan, 136, TKO'd veteran Ronald Sumalis, 139¾, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Pastor Arcaya, 141, decisioned Bert Lozano, 138½, in 10.

Elysser Bautista, 113, scored a TKO win over Robert Palarit, 112½, at 1:10 of the second session of a scheduled 10.

Ador Unesto, 125, was awarded a technical decision over Jorge Olan, 125, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.

Al Mariano, 119, unanimously outpointed Lorenzo Pormanes, 118½, in eight.

Nilo Endig, 112, decisioned Jerry Flores, 112½, in eight.

Promoter: Shozaburo Sato.

GAB's witnesses: Leonardo Trinidad & Carlos Dizon.

(6-27-87)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—Baguio College Foundation Gymnasium**—Free-swinging Bert Pucay, 125½, chalked up a TKO win over Jimmy Nakalaban, 124, at 1:40 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Momong Manaay, 132, stopped Bernabe Aliping, 135, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Joe Badongen, 128, unanimously decisioned Jun Tito, 129, in 10.

Andy Dumpayan, 119, kayoed Gil Lucban, 118, at 0:52 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Ramon Wast, 126, outpointed Aquino Caparosa, 127, in eight.

Promoter: Mike Maspil.

GAB's witnesses: Rudy Perez & Ricky Paulino.

(6-27-87)

▶**SURIGAO CITY—Provincial Gym**—Jun Arbas, 128, and Sul Inting, 127, were fighting into the third round, but referee Manuel Arguelles declared it a no contest then and there due to the latter's dull and unfaithful attitude. The third man consulted the three judges and made the decision. Inting was quoted as saying that he was in vigil for three nights owing to his brother's death and he had a stomach ache during the fight. The GAB's witness strongly recommended the suspension of Sul Inting to the Board thereafter.

Little Campo, the Filipino #3 junior lightweight, 127, scored a technical knockout at 2:30 of the seventh round over Alez Masecampo, 126, in 10.

Arnolfo Bernandez, 114, halted Jimmy Kid, 114, at 0:39 of the second session in 10.

Jongjong Perez, 107, took a unanimous decision over Dick Carlos III, 107, in 10.

Nene Pecanti, 121, knocked out Kid Saranza, also 121, at 2:09 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Jene Juregue and Renante Puyales, both 114, fought to a split draw in six.

Promoter: Rogelio Lopez.

GAB's witnesses: Julio B. Caldoza & Reginaldo Pagubo.

(6-27-87)

▶**CALATRAVA, NEGORS ORIENTAL—Menchaca Park**—Edwin Guevarra, 105, displayed his power in stopping Romeo Panilagao, also 105, in 10. Ernesto Penalosa refereed. This was the sole fight on this card.

Promoter: Sportscope Promotion.

GAB's witness: Ernesto Penalosa.

(6-27-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Saksurin Kiatkarnbinthai, the TBC's third-ranked junior bantamweight, 114, easily knocked out Sumritchai Jockygym, 115, in the third round of a scheduled six.

(7-1-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ded Donjadee, the Thai number two miniflyweight contender, 105, stopped Chaiya Roppongsert, an unknown rookie, also 105, in the second session of a scheduled six.

(7-2-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Phaipharniang Jokkygym, the TBC's eighth-ranked junior bantamweight, 116, suffered an upset loss by simon pure San Nortorchor, 116, via a unanimous decision in six.

(7-3-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—In a daytime card for Channel 7, Santi Donjadee 130, disposed of Kwanchai S. Sinanta, 129, in the sixth and final round.

(7-4-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Surasith Meeprasert, the TBC's #3 junior bantamweight, 118, scored an upset decision over Dangnuen Kiat R.D., Thai bantamweight champ, 120, in six.

Dangnuen's title wasn't at stake. Surasith will be given an opportunity to meet the champ again in his quest for the national crown. Dangnuen was running all the way and missing many punches. Surasith scored effective body shots in the last three rounds.

The winner is 34-7 with 22 knockouts. Dangnuen fell to 17-7 with six kayoes.

(7-6-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thanomsak Sith boabay, former OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) flyweight titlist, 116, appeared for the first time since his loss to Kenji Matsumura last May, and polished off Phanchai Kiatsonthaya, 116, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Thanomsak is 15-1 with seven kayoes.

(7-9-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—After Sakad Petchyndee became the OPBF lightweight champion, the Thai lightweight crown was left vacant. In a 10-round eliminator, Chan Rungrojana, 134, seized the throne by demolishing Thongberm Vongvianyai, the perennial top contender, 134, in the third round.

Chan, a black American born in Thailand, floored the prefight favorite with a well-timed right cross for the mandatory eight count. Though Thongberm regained his feet, Chan dropped him again—this time for the full count.

Chan improved his log to 16-3 including 14 kayoes.

(7-20-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Tepratum Eakchatching, the Thai top junior bantamweight contender, 119, found it easy to finish Somchart Sorndang, 118, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Tepratum has been castigated for selecting too easy opponents and scoring many kayoes. He is 17-1 with 13 kayoes.

(7-21-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Jimmy Sithpaidang, the Thai featherweight champ, 128, used good jabs and finished Dechumnauy Sinthanongsak, 127, in the first round of a scheduled six-round non-title bout.

Jimmy is 9-2 with five kayoes.

(7-22-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thamin Sithseemork, 115, captured the Thai junior bantamweight crown as he took a unanimous decision (double 99-95 and 95-94) over Singnoi Singkrungton, the defending champ at 115, in 10.

The champ floored the challenger for the compulsory eight count in the first round. Thamin used his sharp jabs from the next round on and dominated the remainder. The new kingpin is 12-4 with five knockouts.

(7-23-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Den Sorthanikul, the TBC's second-ranked mini-flyweight, 107, disposed of Lunsamuth Kiatkriengkrai, also 107, in the first round of a scheduled six.

(7-27-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Downmai Sithkodom, 123, Thai junior featherweight champ, 123, easily disposed of Chokdee Sawadivaree, also 123, in the second round of a scheduled six.

It looked a mismatch.

(7-28-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Yuenyong Sithbrasong, the TBC's second-ranked flyweight, 115, caught old soldier Jundang Singchaovang, 116, in the sixth and final round.

Yuenyong was previously ranked by the WBA, but dropped out of the top 10 due to his bad kayo loss to Frank Cedeno years ago. Since then, he suffered some upset defeats. He seems to have regained his old form with a string of wins.

(7-29-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Den Chuvatana, 115, made a comeback after a three-year layoff and barely took a split decision over Lauchai Kiatsonthaya, also 115, in six.

(7-30-87)

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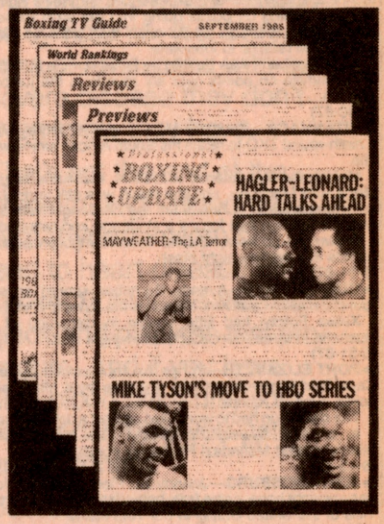

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▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—The WBA ratings are strange. They newly rank, Prabtoranee Luklampakchee, who lately tasted a couple of bad defeats.

Luklampakchee, the WBA's #9 junior bantamweight, 119, lost a unanimous decision to Noree Jokkygym, the TBC's #2 bantie, 121, in six.

Prabtoranee, previously unbeaten, had been knocked out by Chalow Prabtoranee Muangsurin in four rounds of his previous bout last June. His national ratings dropped to seventh of the TBC. Probably it might have been a bad mistake that Prabtoranee got rated newly by the WBA.

Noree is 18-5-1 with eight kayoes. Prabtoranee fell to 22-2 with 17 KOs.
(7-31-87)

▶**SAMUT SAKORN**—Kongthoranee Payakarun, the WBA's third-ranked junior bantamweight, knocked out Korean Kwang-Soo Lee in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Kongthoranee, who had been previously beaten by Gilberto Roman, improved to 11-1 with eight KOs.
(8-1-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

▶**VANDERBIJLPARK**—Stanley Mathe retained the Transvaal featherweight title with a unanimous decision over 10 rounds against Lehlohonolo Nkatlo.

In a rather one-sided bout, Mathe took control from the first round and, with some neat boxing, piled up points to win by a wide margin on all three official scorecards.
(5-23-87)

▶**JOHANNESBURG**—South African bantamweight champion Simon Skosana was most impressive in scoring a rather lopsided decision over 10 rounds against Jesus Bastardo of Venezuela.

Bastardo posed and threatened, but did little else and Skosana, who fought a very controlled fight without extending himself, scored with continuous left hooks and overhand rights to the head.

This was a good win for Skosana, who was making his first start since his grueling fight last year for the WBA bantamweight title against Bernardo Pinango.

In a supporting bout, Gerhard Botes retained his Transvaal junior middleweight title with a 10-round decision against a rather disappointing Matthias Mbatha. Botes boxed well, scoring with good lefts and rights to the head and body as he varied his attack.
(5-24-87)

▶**MSANTSANE**—The former South African junior flyweight champion, Odwa Mdleleni, was rather lucky to score a six-round technical knockout over inexperienced Mannetjie Nquezo. Mdleleni was trailing on points going into the sixth round when he unleashed a barrage of punches that wobbled Nquezo and caused the referee to intervene.

Fikile Ngubane was beaten by a last-minute substitute in Andrew Matyila on points over six rounds in the junior flyweight division.
(5-30-87)

▶**UITENHAGE**—Phumzile Madikane beat Jeffrey Mankune on a ninth-round TKO to retain his South African junior welterweight title.

Making the first defense of his title, Madikane fought on level terms with Mankune, and the result was still in doubt when an unfortunate clash of heads left the challenger with a bad gash over his left eye that forced a stoppage and required stitching.

Brown Bongo beat Kolekile Tshamlambo on points over six rounds in a welterweight clash.
(5-31-87)

▶**QUEENSTOWN**—Ayanda Barnabas scored an easy eight-round decision over Kirk Morris at the flyweight limit.

Xolisa Fototyi had little trouble in disposing of Johannes Hoshella in three rounds at the flyweight limit.
(5-31-87)

▶**PORT ELIZABETH**—Prince Tukani successfully defended his Cape light heavyweight title when he beat Mlungisi Zondi on points over 10 rounds.

The champion had to work hard against a determined Zondi.

In a junior flyweight clash over six rounds, Malibongwe Silinyane beat Msondezi Philiso on points.
(6-13-87)

▶**JOHANNESBURG**—Johnny Du Plooy, South Africa's young heavyweight hope, came from behind to knock out James "Quick" Tillis of the United States in the 10th round.

Many ringsiders had the fast-moving Tillis ahead on points going into the 10th when Du Plooy landed five successive rights to the head which sent Tillis reeling into the ropes. The referee intervened with the American clearly out on his feet.

Welcome Ncita, the South African flyweight champion, scored a convincing 10-round decision over Baby Joe Miya, a former champion in the flyweight division.

Aaron Kabi won a clear-cut decision over rugged Chris Peters in a six-round welterweight clash.
(6-23-87)

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(As of July, 1987)

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25. Oscar Bolivar (Colombia)
26. Constancio Dangla (Philippines)
27. Dae-Yong Park (Korea)
28. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
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FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)
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2. Duke McKenzie (England)
3. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
4. Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Republic)
5. Orlando Canizales (US)
6. Oh-King Son (Korea)
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9. Yul-Woo Lee (Korea)
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11. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
12. Ray Medel (US)
13. Hideaki Kamishiro (Japan)
14. David McAuley (England)
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16. Rolando Bohol (Philippines)
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20. Nana Konadu (Ghana)
21. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
22. Kenji Matsumura (Japan)
23. Thanomsak Sithbaobay (Thailand)
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25. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
26. Claudemir Dias (Brazil)
27. Angel Rosario (Puerto Rico)
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29. Gilberto Sosa (Mexico)
30. Hun-Kuk Chae (Korea)

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Champion
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)
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2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
4. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
5. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
6. Willy Salazar (Mexico)
7. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
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12. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
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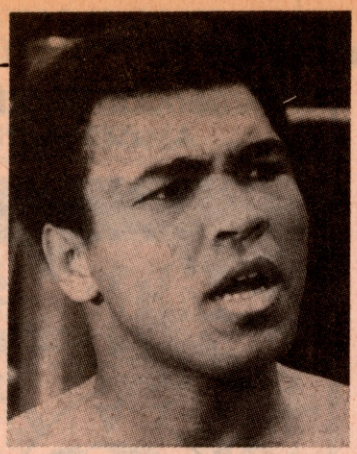
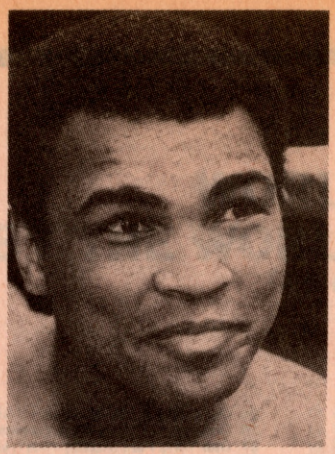
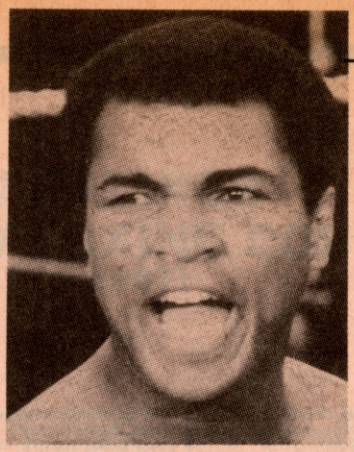

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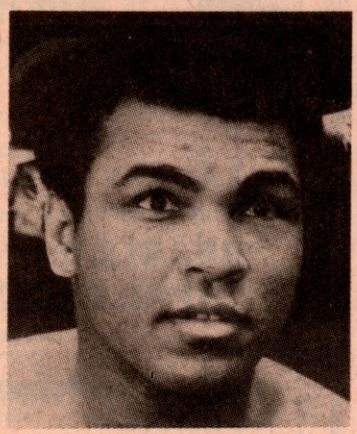
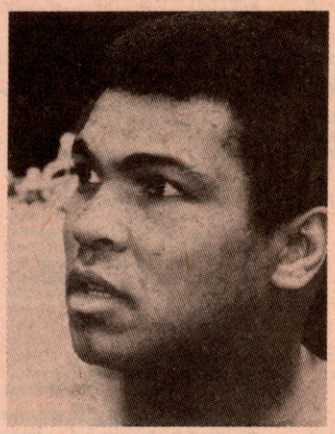

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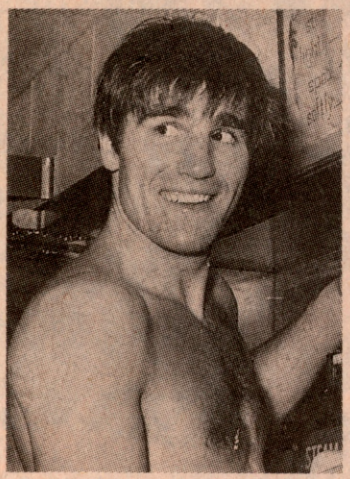

Former middleweight king Nino Benvenuti checks his weight after a gym workout. The Italian star turned pro in 1961 and streaked to 65 straight victories before losing to Ki-Soo Kim.

Q: My friend and I love the new ratings. However, he feels today's fighters are bigger and a cruiserweight division is necessary. I argue that many of the heavyweight champions would today be cruiserweights. Am I right?

JOE KELLEY
Pennsauken, NJ

A: *Some organizations list the cruiserweight limit at 190 pounds, some at 195 pounds, but the history of the heavyweight division clearly shows the extra division is unnecessary at either weight. As proof, consider the weights of the following heavyweight champions on the day they won their title: James J. Corbett (178); Bob Fitzsimmons (167); Marvin Hart (190); Tommy Burns (180); Jack Johnson (192); Jack Dempsey (187); Gene Tunney (189½); Max Schmeling (188); James J. Braddock (193¾); Ezzard Charles (181¾); Jersey Joe Walcott (194); Rocky Marciano (184); Floyd Patterson (182¼). Also, with a little sweat, Joe Louis (197¼) and Leon Spinks (197¼) could have made the cruiserweight limit. Then, of course, we have Michael Spinks, who went from light heavyweight champion to heavyweight champion without missing a step, and Evander Holyfield, who will, no doubt, move into a heavyweight title match in the near future.*

As for today's fighters being bigger, that's baloney. Many are bigger because they're out of shape. But there have always been huge heavyweights. Consider the following losers in heavyweight title bouts: Jess Willard (245); Primo Carnera (263¼); Tony Galento (233¾); Abe Simon (254½); Buddy Baer (237½); Buddy Baer (250); Abe Simon (255½); Joe Bugner (230). Clearly, bigger does not necessarily mean better.

Q: Could you tell me who, after winning his pro debut, has gone on to win the most consecutive fights?

R.D. MORTIMER
London, England

A: *Believe it or not, this distinction belongs to Giovanni Nino Benvenuti, the Italian middleweight champion of the 1960s. Benvenuti started his career 65-0 before losing his junior middleweight crown to Korea's Ki-Soo Kim in 1966. Benvenuti, the 1960 Olympic welterweight champ, also had a string of 120 straight amateur wins. Several have recorded longer win streaks, but not from the outset of their careers. Several also have notched longer unbeaten streaks, but those are dotted with draws, no contests or no decisions.*

Q: Can you please list the live paid attendance and the live paid gross receipts of the Tim Witherspoon-James Smith WBA heavyweight title bout December 12, 1986? Also, the names of the three judges.

HY ROSENBERG
Boston, Massachusetts

A: *The Witherspoon-Smith fiasco drew 5,042 people who paid $224,694.30. The referee was Luis Rivera of the United States. The judges were Samuel Conde of Puerto Rico, Joe Santarpia of the US and Julio Roldan of Venezuela.*

Q: Can you tell me the exact date of the 1983 bout in which Luis Resto battered Billy Ray Collins Jr. into an early retirement because Resto and manager Carlos "Panama" Lewis had removed much of the padding from Resto's gloves? Do you know of any substantial written coverage of the bout and its tragic aftermath?

DAVID HALL
Ft. Collins, Colorado

A: *The Resto/Collins disgrace took place June 16, 1983, and is covered extensively, including exclusive photos, in the August and September 1983 issues of* ***The Ring.*** *A story on the death of Collins appears in the June 1984 issue of Boxing Illustrated.*

Q: How many times was Muhammad Ali knocked down, both as Muhammad Ali and as Cassius Clay?

DONNELL BRINSON
Attica, New York

A: *Sonny Banks, Henry Cooper and Joe Frazier each knocked down Ali once. But "The Greatest" got up each time, proving you can't keep a good man down.*

Q: Is movie star Errol Flynn the same person as Edward Flynn, the Olympic welterweight gold medalist in 1932?

WILLI LINDEN
Cologne, Germany

A: *You don't think Errol Flynn would have looked as good as he did if he had been a fighter, do you?*

Q: I am familiar with the 10-point must system. Exactly what criteria may or must a judge use in awarding the 10 points? Also, are the judges bound by a set of uniform scoring rules?

DAVID DELKESKAMP
Brea, California

A: *Scoring a fight is strictly subjective. However, the factors most considered are the number of punches, the effect of the punches, aggression and defense. Some judges consider some factors more important than others, depending on their individual taste.*

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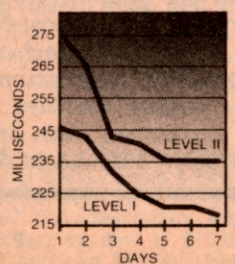

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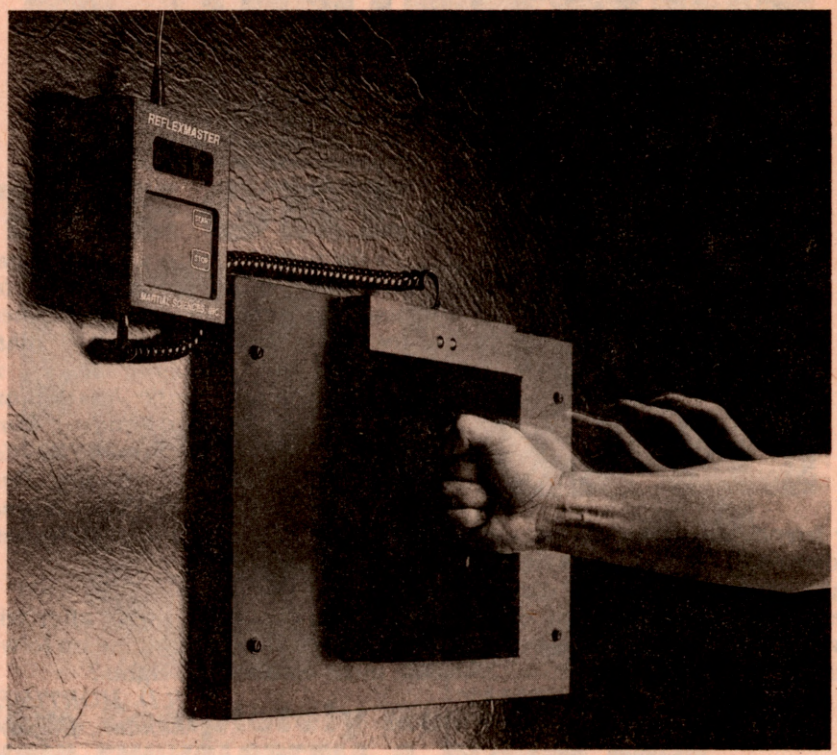

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Orlin Norris KO1 John Barbier
Henry Tillman TKO7 Dan Sutton
Evander Holyfield TKO11 Ossie Ocasio
(Retained WBA & IBF Cruiserweight Titles)
Dwight Muhammad Qawi TKO6 Lee Roy Murphy
Steve Mormino KO6 Angelo Musone
Frank Bruno TKO8 Reggie Gross
Adilson Rodrigues W10 James Smith
Alfonso Ratliff TKO9 Henry Sims
Wimpy Halstead KO2 Wilson Douglas
Mike Weaver TKO6 James Pritchard
Willie de Wit KO5 Ken Lakusta
Jimmy Young NC2 Mike Jameson
Leon Spinks D10 Jim Ashard
Eric Curry TKO5 Mickey Pryor

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Mustafa Hamsho TKO3 Reggie Barnes
Doug Sam TKO11 Garry Hubble
Jeff Thompson TKO10 Prince Mamah Mohammed
Tony Willis W10 Louis Coleman
Doug DeWitt W10 Lenny LaPaglia
Dale Cook TKO3 Donald Tucker
Alex Blanchard TKO9 Mauro Martelli

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Robert Hines TKO2 Donald Bowers
Tyrone Trice W10 Steve Little
Knox Brown W10 Gary Thomas
Michael Nunn TKO9 Franklin Owens
Darrell Knox TKO10 Alex Ramos
Herman Cavesuela W10 Fred Hutchings
Troy Waters TKO4 Lloyd Hibbert
Mugen Kawasaka KO2 Toshinori Matsuyanagi
Sang-Do Chung W10 Chul-Hyun Kim
Ronnie DeLeon TKO5 John Hefley

WELTERWEIGHTS
Lloyd Honeyghan KO1 Gene Hatcher
(Retained World Title)
Marlon Starling TKO11 Mark Breland
(Won WBA Title)
Bobby Joe Young TKO7 Aaron Pryor
Vinnie Burgese W10 Eddie Van Kirk
Jorge Maysonet KO5 Ivan Montalvo
Manny Hernandez W10 Sterling McPherson
David Gonzales W10 Joey Olivera
Harold Knight TKO7 Sylvester Kennon
Freddy Pendleton KO6 Ronald Haynes
Shawn O'Sullivan TKO2 Rick Kaiser
Ken Carter D10 Percy Israel
Derrick Kelly W10 Terry Norris
Buddy McGirt TKO5 Roger Brown
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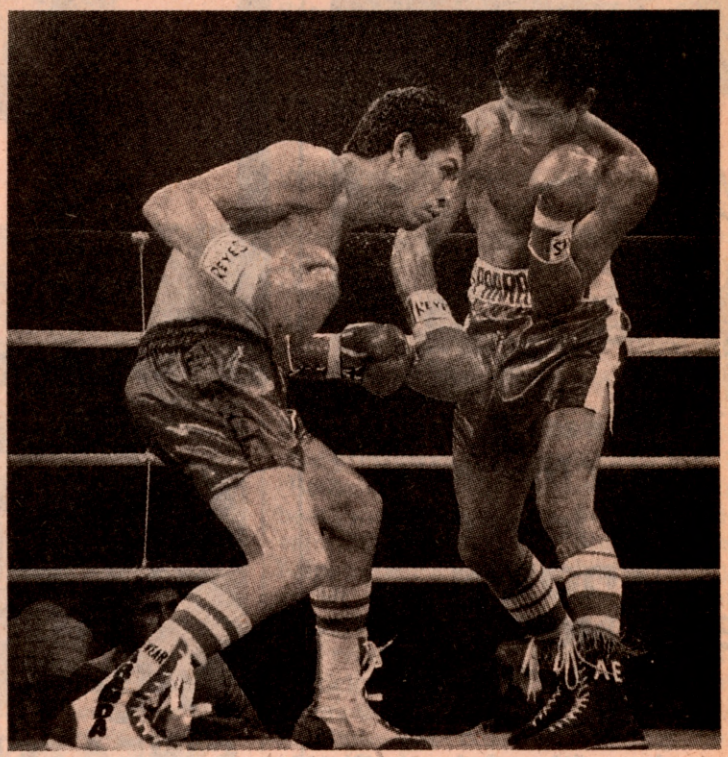

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Featherweight champion Antonio Esparragoza (right) bounces a right off challenger Pascual Aranda's jaw en route to a 10th-round kayo in defense of his title.

Akinobu Hiranaka KO1 Naoki Ito
Seung-Soon Lee KO4 Boy Romero
Yung-Kil Chung TKO9 Nobuyuki Tabata
Al Hamza TKO5 Jose DeAnda

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Edwin Rosario TKO8 Juan Nazario
(Retained WBA Title)
Rocky Lockridge TKO8 Barry Michael
(Won IBF Junior Lightweight Title)
Steve Larrimore TKO8 Joe Altyander
Mario Miranda W12 Raphe Sims
Renato Cornett W10 Brian Roberts
Raul Frank TKO5 Raphael Solis
Jorge Urbina Diaz W10 Harold Petty
Edward Parker W10 Mario Fuentes
Julio Cesar Chavez W12 Danilo Cabrera
(Retained WBC Super Featherweight Title)
Iwao Otomo KO5 Shirk Ishihara
Tiger Michigami W10 Katsumi Nonoguchi
Fusao Imai W10 Yoshitatsu Nakazato
Bruce Kyoda KO1 Takao Sakuma
Geron Porras TKO7 Un-Ei Chung
Abraham Martinez TKO3 Sergio Parra
Brian Mitchell TKO14 Francisco Fernandez
(Retained WBA Jr. Lightweight Title)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Mike Ayala KO1 Manuel Juarez
Julio Gervasio TKO5 Carlos Flores
Bernard Taylor W5 Javier Marquez
Johnny Carter KO2 Sam David
Jesus Poll TKO7 Paul Banke
Steve McCrory TKO2 Jose Torres
Louie Espinoza KO9 Mike Ayala
(Retained WBA Jr. Featherweight Title)
Steve Cruz TKO7 Rogelio Lopez
Daniel Zaragoza W12 Darryl Thigpen
Lenny Valdez W10 Alberto Mercado
Azumah Nelson W12 Marcos Villasana
(Retained WBC Title)
Misunobu Goda KO1 Osamu Kazuo
Mitsuru Sugiya TKO6 Yasuo Jinde
Jessie Benavides TKO3 Arturo Tevagi

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Sugar "Baby" Rojas W12 Santos Laciar
(Won WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Kongthoranee Payakarun KO6 Kwang-Soo Lee
Roland Gomez TKO5 Eddie Rangel
Sung-Kil Moon TKO3 Constancio Dangla
Juan Carazo TKO3 Jose Luis Vegagil

FLYWEIGHTS
Adrian Roman TKO1 Juan Garcia
Jose Ruiz W10 Pedro Feliciano
Jum-Hwan Choi TKO3 Azadin Anhar
(Retained IBF Jr. Flyweight Title)
Fidel Bassa D15 Hilario Zapata
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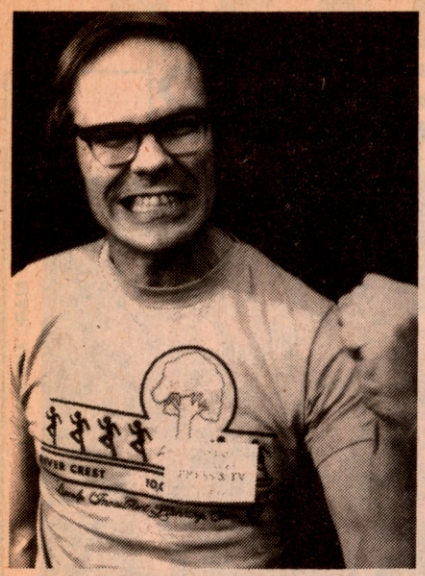

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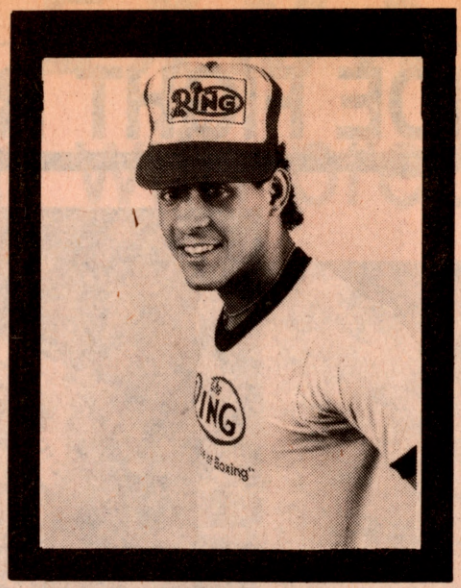

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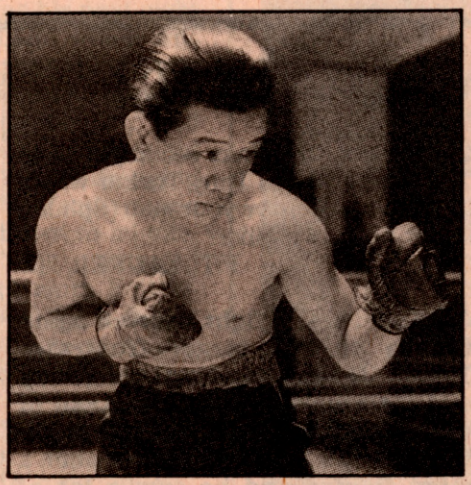
Known as "America's Most Glamorous Fight Arena," the stadium had fans flocking to see movie stars sitting ringside as much as they came to see the fighters. Among the Friday night faithfuls during the early years were Rudolph Valentino, Clara Bow and Charlie Chaplin. As the years rolled by, new stars such as Jose Ferrer, Bob Hope, Rosemary Clooney, Tony Curtis, Dean Martin, George Raft and Lou Costello joined the old guard in the VIP section.

When one of her countrymen was fighting, Mexican film actress Lupe Velez spent more time running up and down the aisles than she did in her seat.

Tom Kennedy succeeded Crowley as matchmaker and reigned from 1922 to 1925. Next came Tom Gallery, who was considered one of the best of the breed. Gallery was married to actress ZaZu Pitts at the time and was a strong link between stars of the ring and those of the silver screen and eventually television. During his tenure, Gallery helped develop boxing greats such as Sammy Mandell, Mushy Callahan, Jackie Fields, Vince Dundee, Tony Canzoneri, Ace Hudkins and Cecil Payne. After leaving the Hollywood Stadium in 1931, Gallery became head of sports for the National Broadcasting Company.



Small Montana, one of the many Filipino stars who fought at the old Hollywood Legion Stadium for promoter Charlie McDonald during the 1930s.

Charlie McDonald took over the matchmaking chores after Gallery left, staying at the helm 17 years. This was an era populated by many formidable Filipino fighters. Speedy Dado, Young Nationalista, Little Pancho, Speedy Cabanella, Small Montana and Clever Sencio all boxed for McDonald.

In 1938 a new stadium was built at a cost of $250,000. The first main event was a draw between Georgie Hansford and Baby Breese. McDonald retired in 1948 and was followed by Baron Von Stumme, who featured the likes of Art "Golden Boy" Aragon, Bobby Jackson, Cal Working and Hap Navarro through his many years at the stadium.

It would be practically an impossible task to name all the fistic greats who showed their wares at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, but among them were: Henry Armstrong, Harry Greb, Mickey Walker, Jim Braddock, Bud Taylor, Maxie Rosenbloom, Ceferino Garcia, Jimmy McLarnin, Young Corbett III, Kid Azteca, Lou Salica, Willie Pep, Chalkey Wright, Pete Scalzo, Tony Olivera and Vic Grupico.

Both boxing and wrestling disapeared from the stadium in 1959 and bowling filled the interior until the mid-1980s. Now, the Hollywood Holiday Spa brings a new look and new vitality to an old site. My thanks to Bob Fraser, Count Billy Varga and others for helping me prepare this stroll down Hollywood's "Memory Lane."

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES: The officers of the LEBA (Leeds & District Ex-Boxers Association) of England are Johnny Durkins (president), Benny Marsh (vice-president), Vernon Appleyard (treasurer), Les Pollard (secretary), Alf Morley (chairman), Alex Steene (honorary president) and Alex Buxton, Jackie "Kid" Berg, Terry Downes and John Conteh (honorary vice-presidents) ... Members of Ring 4 (Boston) recently honored former heavyweight champion John L. Sullivan. Ring 4 member Charlie Ross helped stage a wreath-laying ceremony at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. President Buddy Hayes, other Ring 4 members, and relatives of the late John L. also participated ... If anyone knows the whereabouts of Bert Lytell, former middleweight contender during the 1940s, please contact this corner ... For Raymond Miller Jr. of Hopewell, PA: Jimmy Flood the former middleweight and brother of the late Paddy Flood, was last known to be working in a casino in Las Vegas.

THE LAST COUNT: Johnny DeFoe, former featherweight great of the early 1930s, passed away July 23, 1987 in New York. DeFoe, who boxed Henry Armstrong three times, was a past president of Ring 8 (New York) and was coach/trainer for the PAL for the past 30 years ... Ike Chestnut, former outstanding featherweight of the 40s and 50s who boxed all the leading contenders of his day, died this August ... Ben Becker, 80, former boxing coach who helped Muhammad Ali prepare for the 1960 Olympics, died in Albany, New York, May 28, 1987. Becker, a principal in the Albany Public School System, also served on the board of the US Amateur Boxing Federation ... May they all rest in peace. □

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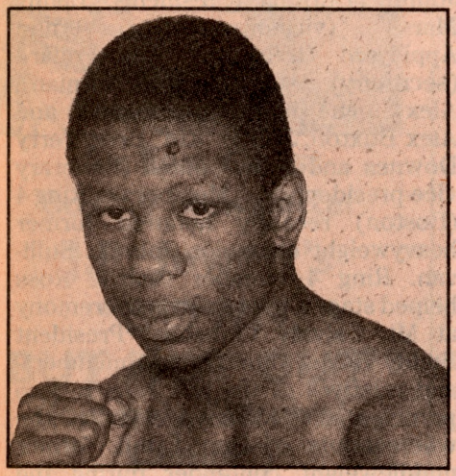


FOR TYRONE TRICE
Welterweight contender

Q: You have an excellent (26-1 with 21 KOs) record. With three titles floating around, how come you haven't got a shot yet?
K.J.H., MILWAUKEE, WI

A: When I was with Kronk, I was overlooked. I think they figured why worry about a $10,000 fighter when you have a $10 million fighter like Tommy Hearns. I think I could've been a world champion a year or two ago.

FOR KEVIN ROONEY
Mike Tyson's trainer

Q: What is happening between you and Mike Tyson? I read he won't do what you tell him and you have to yell at him in the gym.
H.J., YUBA CITY, CA

A: I don't know who starts those rumors, but they're untrue. I don't have to yell at Mike Tyson. Once he's in the gym, he's a very hard worker.

FOR EDDIE FUTCH
Michael Spinks' trainer

Q: Did you or Spinks see anything in Tyson's fight with Tony Tucker which leads you to believe your man (Spinks) might beat Iron Mike?
F.T., LAUREL, MD

A: The Tucker fight showed again that a moving target frustrates Tyson. He was standing straight up and walking straight in instead of bobbing and weaving against a taller man. Michael (Spinks) is such a mind fighter and he saw a lot of things in there that were good for his mind.

FOR DAVE GORMAN
Former Manager of Donald Curry

Q: What happened to Donald Curry?
G.A., FT. WORTH, TX

A: Historically, when a fighter changes managers his career suffers. If he had fought Mike McCallum when he was originally scheduled (March '86), I think the outcome would have been different. The question now is, can he come back? Well, the odds aren't with him. The whole story is just a damned shame.

FOR GEORGE FOREMAN
Former heavyweight champion

Q: I have been following your comeback and wish you success, but beating Steve Zouski and Charlie Hostetter proved nothing. Don't you think it's time you fought someone who can give you a decent fight?
T.C., SWEETWATER, TX

A: You're right. I got to find a guy who wants to stand there and fight. I can't fight any more guys who want to run away from me. I've got something to prove and I can't prove it until I fight a guy who wants to mix it up with me.

FOR JOSE TORRES
Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission

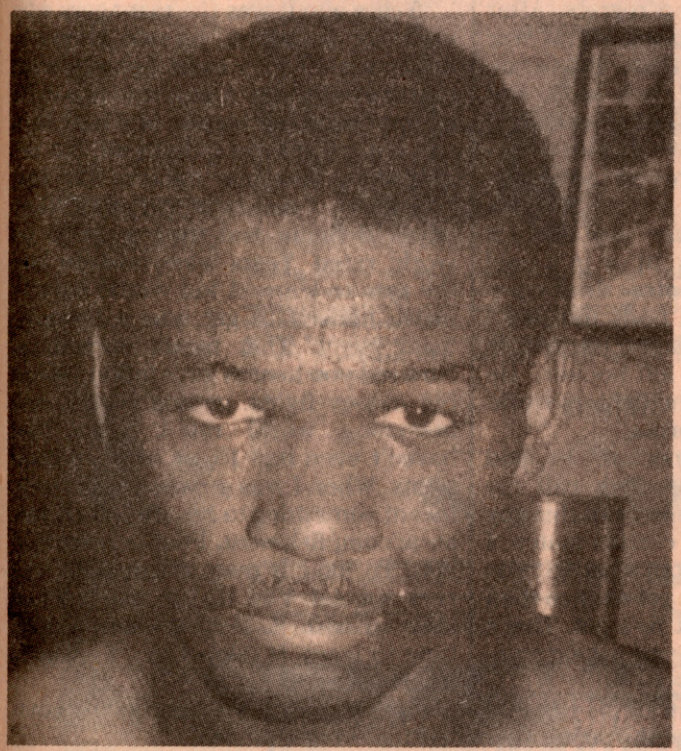
Q: Do you think the boxing commission should test all fighters for AIDS?
R.M., NEW YORK CITY

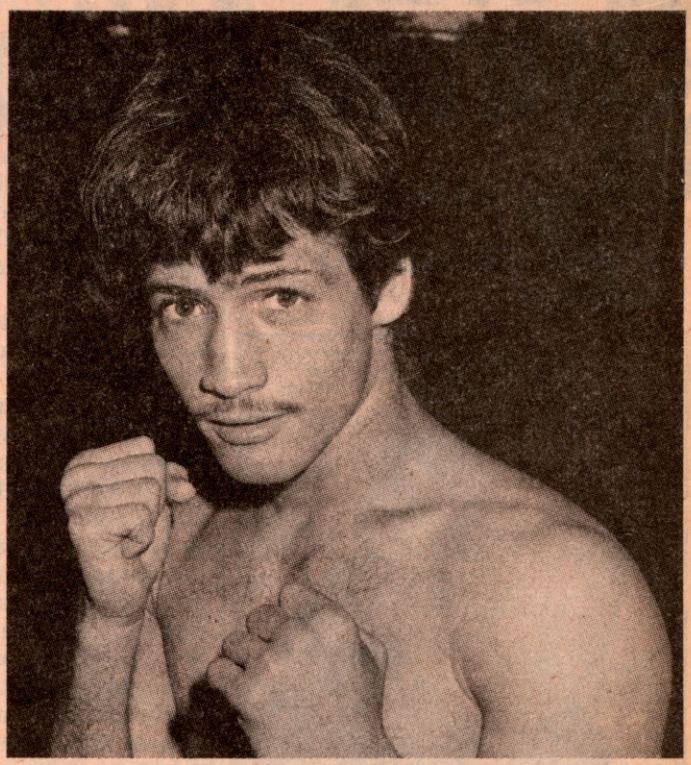
A: I'm leaning towards testing the fighters, but I have to consider how much it would cost and how long the tests would take to be practical.

BOXER SHORTS

FRANKIE MINTON LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

FRANKIE MINTON'S FIRST PROFESSIONAL BOUT WAS ON the undercard of the Davey Moore-Gary Guiden match for the WBA junior middleweight title in Atlantic City. He looked so good outpointing Dennis Brown, promoter Bob Arum gave him a slot on ESPN in his very next outing. The instant exposure proved to be a mixed blessing. Though Frankie became a regular on ESPN cards, he was matched much tougher than most novice pros. In his fifth paid outing, he was stopped by Iran Barkley in a savage punchout. Minton rebounded well, winning his next eight starts. However, there was another problem which was holding him back from realizing his full potential . . . "Since the start of his pro career, Frankie and I had an ongoing dispute over which division he should be fighting in," said manager Pete Susens. "He wanted to be a middleweight and I thought he should be a light heavy." . . . After dropping a disputed split decision to Canadian Willie Featherstone as a 175-pounder, Minton dropped back down to middleweight to fight James Kinchen. He gave Kinchen a rugged evening, but was stopped on eye cuts in the ninth. Following a second loss to Kinchen in July of '86, Minton finally took Susens' advice and decided to campaign as a light heavyweight on a regular basis. The result has been five straight wins to bring his record to 19-5 with nine KOs . . . His impressive kayo over touted Henry Milligan brought an added bonus in the form of a sponsor . . . "Paul Taylor of Rock Island, Illinois, saw the Milligan fight on TV," explained Susens. "He called and said he wanted to help with Minton's career. The extra money has given Frankie the chance to concentrate on boxing fulltime." . . . Minton, 31, is obviously a late bloomer. But, providing he can maintain his current form, he still has time to make his mark. □





JIMMY NAVARRO BANTAMWEIGHT

BANTAMWEIGHT JIMMY NAVARRO BEGAN BOXING ON THE streets as a kid in Puerto Rico. When his family moved to Miami in 1979 a friend took Jimmy to the Tropical Park Gym, which has one of the best amateur programs in the state. He won four local Golden Glove titles as well as the Sunshine State championship while building a 48-8 amateur log . . . Navarro, who turned pro in November of '84, tallied 10 straight victories in Florida rings and then journeyed to Atlantic City to enter the 1986 ESPN tournament. He beat Tony Pruitt (W8) and Troy Fletcher (KO7) in the first two rounds of the tourney, but suffered his lone pro loss against southpaw contender Darryl Thigpen in the finals . . . "Some people say there's no such thing as over-training," said Navarro's manager Al Bonanni. "But I still think Jimmy left his fight in the gym for the Thigpen fight." The setback proved only temporary and Navarro bounced back with five straight wins to bring his overall pro log to 18-1 with 15 KOs . . . "I can't let one loss ruin my career," said Navarro . . . Navarro, 24, is very popular in the Miami area and generally draws a crowd of over 1,000 to the Holiday Inn West, where most of his recent bouts have been held. He is sponsored by a local Chevy dealer and also works part time for Dade County teaching youngsters to box . . . Bonanni, a sergeant with the Miami Metro Police Force, trains Navarro along with veteran Allie Ridgeway. As we go to press, Navarro was training for his next invasion of Atlantic City. This time, he's sure he'll come home a winner. □

IN THIS CORNER

by Christopher Coats

BENNIE GEORGINO (Manager)

BENNIE GEORGINO IS A FIGHT MANAGER out of Los Angeles. He is thick-bodied, balding, soft-spoken and 67 years old. He looks like somebody's uncle from the Midwest. He doesn't have a pinky ring or a gold chain, and though he smiles once in awhile, he rarely laughs. But when it comes to the game of prize-fighting Bennie Georgino is a satisfied man and a very successful one.

Most managers would be happy to boast about developing a contender or two. Georgino has managed more than 25 fighters; some of them became contenders and three were world champions. The best known is Danny "Little Red" Lopez, WBC featherweight champion, (1976-1980); the most persistent, Alberto Davila, WBC bantamweight titleholder, (1983-1985); and, finally, Jaime Garza, WBC super bantamweight champion, (1983-1984).

Though Georgino inherited Lopez after he had won his title, he was manager for nine title defenses. Davila lost his first three challenges for the bantamweight crown, but was maneuvered into a fourth chance by Georgino and ended up the winner. After losing his title he was given a fifth title challenge.

All three of Georgino's champions were hard-nosed kids who grew up in the Los Angeles area. They started their careers as house fighters at the Olympic Auditorium—a building Georgino knows very well.

It was almost 55 years ago when Georgino first laid his eyes on the sport of boxing. Born in a coal mining town in Pennsylvania, his family moved to Los Angeles when he was five, and by the time he was 12 he went to work to help out his parents.

"I used to sell newspapers outside the Biltmore Hotel," he remembered. "Sometimes I had to fight to protect my corner."

There were knee patches on his jeans and he wore hand-me-down sneakers with busted laces.

"For a nickel I'd buy my lunch, a cold cup of punch and a hotdog. When I had to get rid of my last few papers I'd go into buildings around downtown. One day I walked into the old Main Street Gym. There were lots of men hanging around. I kept going back."

Around this time, Georgino also started to look through the sports section of the newspaper, reading anything about boxing he could find. He wanted to be a fighter.

When he was 17, Bennie worked as a sparring partner for lightweight champion Lou Ambers. Georgino never turned pro and has no regrets. After serving in the Navy during World War II he got married, went into the restaurant business, raised two kids, and made a decent living selling steak and potatoes and cocktails. He stayed active in boxing, got divorced and remarried.

Whenever Georgino watches a fighter in a gym workout or in a paid bout, he jots down notes. Brief comments such as, "good body puncher," or "weak chin," or "can be backed up with a jab," or "just a left hooker." He has a file on most of the fighters working in southern California.

"My opinion is respected," he said proudly. "I have promoters call me from all over, asking me about this guy or putting together a certain match. I go to my file and pull out a card. If you watch a guy and don't get excited then you can see just what he's got. That's something which made me a good manager."

One of the best days of his life was late in 1976 when both Lopez and Davila asked him to become their manager. Howie Steindler, their previous manager, had been murdered in a robbery and they would not even consider someone other than Georgino to take over their careers.

"I never would have approached them," he said. "That they came to me on their own is something I'll never forget."

One thing Georgino regrets is letting Danny Lopez climb into the ring with Salvador Sanchez. It wasn't that he made a mistake. Sanchez had become the No. 1 contender for Danny's WBC featherweight crown.

"He was all wrong for Danny. I could see that the first time I watched Sanchez fight. He had all the wrong moves for Danny's style. He was the last guy in the world to sign for. But we had no choice."

For a long, long time Bennie Georgino has been going to the Olympic Auditorium. He knows every room, step and light switch, and probably most of the scratches on the walls. It is not a pretty building. It has less charm than a bathroom in a bus station. The floors would have to be scrubbed before you could call them filthy. But it's history and human lives and thousands of memories to Bennie Georgino. He could trace a good part of his life from the dressing rooms to the cheap seats in the balcony.

"Years ago it was the managers who made the decisions," he said, almost in a whisper. "Today most fighters want to run everything. A guy who has eight or nine wins, no losses, is what? He's just a good prospect, that's all. But the only thing you hear fighters like that talk about is getting world rated. They have 10 fights and they want to be world rated. Years ago you'd go into the gym to learn. A kid would have to prove himself to get into a 10-round main event. That meant something. Now, all you hear is guys talking about big money fights, getting on TV, and becoming world rated. Guys that haven't even had 15, or even 10 good bouts. When I was growing up it really meant something to be a fighter. It was an accomplishment. People respected you. To have a main event fight was very special. You had to pay a lot of dues to earn it. Boxing takes a long time to learn. It takes time. No way is boxing easy."

Not even for a manager who's handled three champions. □

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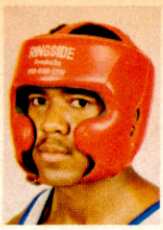

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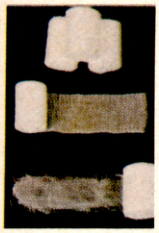

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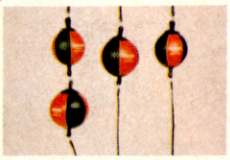

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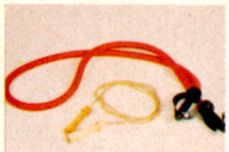

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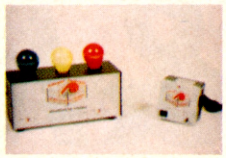

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